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I. DISCOVERY, 1492-1770

THE impulse which led to the discovery of America resulted from the *relations of Europe with Asia*. After the Crusades Asia Minor became a clearing-house for Oriental products.

c. 1260-1295. The visits of the *Polos* and others to the Mongol Empire spread *distorted knowledge of Eastern wealth*.

1300-1525. The *Turkish conquests* impeded direct trade; while the spirit of the Renaissance promoted efforts to reach *India by sea*, in which the Portuguese Prince Henry the Navigator led.

1488 (or 1487). Bartholomew Diaz rounded Cape of Good Hope.

1498. Vasco da Gama reached India.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (c. 1451-1506), a Genoese, believing that the world was round, conceived the idea of reaching India by sailing westward.

1492. Under contract with the Spanish monarchs, he sailed from Palos (Aug. 3), and reached the Bahamas (Oct. 12, N.S. 21), probably at Watlings Island. Later he discovered Cuba and Haiti and returned to Spain the next March convinced that he had reached Asia.

1494-1504. Subsequent voyages by Columbus and others developed the northeastern coast of South America. From these and Gama's voyage to the real India arose the conviction that here was a *New World*, whether or not connected with Asia.

1497-1498. **JOHN CABOT** made two voyages to the coast of North America; the basis of the English claim to territory, but not followed up.

1507. The New World first called America, after *Americus Vesputius*, who had participated in some of the voy-

ages and written accounts about them. The name gradually spread to cover both continents.

- 1513. *Balboa* discovered the *Pacific Ocean* from the Isthmus of Panama.
- 1519-1522. *Magellan's* expedition circumnavigated the earth, confirming the isolation of the New World.
- 1512-1526. The *coast* of North America was *developed* as far as Maine through successive voyages.
- 1528-1536. *Cabeça de Vaca* wandered from the Gulf coast to the Pacific.
- 1539-1543. *Hernando de Soto's* great expedition spent four years in the wilds between Georgia and Arkansas, and discovered the Mississippi River (May 8, 1541).
- 1539-1542. *Coronado* found the pueblos of *New Mexico* and penetrated into Kansas.
- 1542. *Ferrelo* voyaged along the *western coast* towards Oregon.
- 1565. *St. Augustine*, the first settlement in the United States.
- 1598. New Mexico settled, with *Santa Fé* (c. 1605) as its center.
- 1769. The occupation of *California* began with the mission of San Diego.

The explorations and conversion of the interior continued, but Spanish occupation of these parts has left but little influence upon American civilization except in the matter of land titles, *architecture*, and literature.

- 1534-1540. *Jacques Cartier* made three voyages to the St. Lawrence Gulf and River, establishing the French claim.
- 1608. *Samuel de Champlain* (1567-1635) founded Quebec. He had made two previous voyages to Canada and begun, with the *Sieur de Monts*, Port Royal in Acadia (1604).
- 1609. He initiated the continuous *strife* between the French and the *Iroquois Indians* which became an important factor in both French and English colonization.
- 1613. Champlain began the development of the French route to the interior by a journey up the Ottawa and across to Lake Huron. The chain of Great Lakes and the short and easy portages to the Mississippi facilitated this development. *Fur-trading* was the primary interest of the French, but the *Jesuits* soon followed, and the history of New France for the first cen-

ture is one of joint endeavor of the traders and missionaries to penetrate the interior and trade with, or convert, the Indians. The government was paternal, only Catholics were allowed in the colony, the inducements for homeseekers were slight, and the progress of the settlement was correspondingly slow.

1673. *Marquette* and *Joliet* discovered the **Mississippi River**, the first French to reach the river of whom there is positive knowledge. They established the fact that the stream flowed into the Gulf and not into the Pacific. *Count Frontenac*, the governor of **New France** grasped the importance of controlling the interior valley and aided the plans for trade and discovery of the **Sieur de la Salle** (1643-1687).

1682, April 9. La Salle reached the mouth of the Mississippi, after many mishaps, and took possession of the basin for France, naming it **Louisiana**.

1684-1687. La Salle attempted a settlement from France, but missed the mouth of the river and landed at **Mattagorda Bay**, Texas, creating the *French claim to Texas* as a part of Louisiana. The settlement failed.

1699. Louisiana settled at Biloxi by the *Sieur de Iberville*. Later the colony moved to Mobile.

1718. **New Orleans** founded. The progress of Louisiana was very slow, but a chain of posts connected it with Illinois and Canada and it became an important factor in the French colonization of North America.

II. ENGLISH SETTLEMENT, 1584-1689

English colonization was the fruit of *private enterprise*, of the new commercial spirit that had been fostered by the altered standards of living and the increase of active capital which followed the great influx of American specie to Europe. *Chartered commercial companies*, which should colonize as well as trade, became the favorite means of this activity and the Indies, East and West, were the most favorable field. Spain, however, having acquired Portugal (1580), dealt harshly with violations of the monopoly she claimed in these regions. As the English did not recognize the claim, clandestine trade and reprisals (*Hawkins*, *Drake*) followed, which *Elizabeth* officially

repudiated but privately protected. Moreover, *Philip II* of Spain was the protagonist of Catholicism and Elizabeth's security was bound up in her support of Protestantism, and in breaking the power of Philip who menaced it.

1688. Destruction of the Spanish **Armada**, Philip's great fleet for the conquest of England. This opened the way for English colonization.

1584. **Sir Walter Raleigh** (1552-1618) received a charter of trade and colonization in North America. He sent out an exploring expedition which returned with enthusiastic reports of the coast of North Carolina. The queen named the country Virginia.

1585. Raleigh's colony on Roanoke Island attempted. Several relief expeditions were sent out, the last (1591) found the colony deserted.

1606, April 10. **First Virginia Charter**. The right to trade and settle in America was granted to two groups, the London Company and the Plymouth Company. The colonists were to enjoy all the *rights of Englishmen*. The Plymouth Company failed in its effort.

1607. May 14. **VIRGINIA** settled at Jamestown by the London Company. **John Smith** (1579-1631) was the important man of its early history. After much suffering the colony was firmly established on the cultivation of tobacco, in which the introduction of *negro slaves* (first in 1619) and term-bound white servants assisted. The local government was on the county system; the population was rural in large, widely distributed plantations.

1609, May 23. Second Virginia Charter to the London (Virginia) Company. The boundary of the colony was described as "west and northwest" to the Pacific, the origin of *Virginia's western claim*. Several later chartered colonies also extended to the Pacific.

1619. **First representative assembly**. The colony had been ruled by a governor and council appointed by the company.

1624. Virginia Charter annulled. The colony became a **royal province**, the governor and council appointed by the king, but the assembly continued.

1620. The Council for New England, successor to the Plymouth Company, chartered with territory between 40°

and 48°; but *religion now became the mainspring of colonization*. Many persons (Nonconformists), influenced by Calvinism, while remaining members of the Church of England, advocated more radical reforms; while others (Separatists) set up congregations which were forbidden by the laws of conformity. Both these classes were known as **Puritans** and they were generally associated with the growing demands for political reforms (Parliamentary party).

1620, Dec. **Plymouth** founded by the **Pilgrims**, a band of Separatists who had been driven to Leyden (1609) but, wishing to remain Englishmen, decided to settle under a patent from the London Company. The settlement was made outside the jurisdiction of the company, so the colonists united in an agreement of government (*Mayflower compact*). They received no royal charter. Under the leadership of *William Bradford* (1590-1657) New Plymouth Colony developed slowly, but was soon overshadowed by Massachusetts.

1629, March 4. **Royal Charter of MASSACHUSETTS Bay Company** granted. The leaders of the company were Puritans and determined to *transfer the company itself to America*, merging it in the colony.

1630. **Boston** and surrounding towns settled under Gov. **John Winthrop** (1587-1649). During the next ten years, because of the growing conflict between the King and the Parliamentary party, the emigration to Massachusetts was great. The *government* as finally established was based on a *suffrage* (freemen) limited to a selection from church members. These freemen voted for governor, deputy, and assistants (council) and also for representatives to the lower house of the *General Court*. The *Church of England* was discarded and the congregational form and Calvinistic creed *established*. The government, thus circumscribed, remained in the hands of the Puritans, who strictly enforced their ideals upon the rest of the inhabitants. Local government was in the *town meeting*, an outgrowth of the parish meeting to which the settlers had been accustomed in England. Public education was required c.
towns.

1635-1636. **Connecticut** settled by the people of three Massachusetts towns. Three years later a written constitution (Fundamental Orders) was adopted for the colony; this was superseded in 1662 by a **royal charter** which gave a government

similar to that of Massachusetts, with which in other respects of Church and State Connecticut agreed.

1636. *Providence* settled by *Roger Williams*, who had been banished from Massachusetts for beliefs contrary to the existing polity.

1638. Mrs. *Anne Hutchinson* and her followers, also banished from Massachusetts for her religious criticism (Antinomianism), settled at Portsmouth on *Rhode Island*. Other settlements followed and prospered in spite of the antagonism of Massachusetts, and a union resulted, which received a royal charter (1663) similar to that of Connecticut, but *religious freedom prevailed*.

1638. *New Haven* founded on a theocratic basis by a party from England. It became the center of a small colony, but was absorbed by Connecticut in 1662. *New Hampshire* and *Maine* originated in various grants from the Council for New England (dissolved 1635) and independent settlements. They were for the most part under the control of Massachusetts.

1643, May 10. **New England Confederation** formed by Massachusetts, Connecticut, Plymouth, and New Haven; Rhode Island was excluded. The league had no direct authority and Massachusetts domineered over the other members, but it is important as the *first step toward union*. After the Restoration it fell into decay and ended about 1684.

1634, March 27. *Maryland* settled at St. Mary's under a royal charter granted to the Catholic Cecilius Calvert, second **Baron Baltimore** (1605-1675), on June 20, 1632. The colony was carved out of Virginia and was the first successful **proprietary**. The charter gave Baltimore large but vague powers and considerable independence from royal control, but required the assent of a representative assembly to all laws. The colonists took up the cultivation of tobacco, and in social respects became a copy of Virginia.

1649. *Toleration Act* in Maryland decreed a limited amount of religious freedom and safeguarded the Catholic colonists. Puritan settlement in the colony began in 1649, and for many years a series of *contentions* existed, in part the result of antagonism of Virginia, and in part due to political and religious differences which echoed conditions in England.

1609. *Henry Hudson*, in Dutch employ, explored the coast and Hudson River.

1612. Manhattan Island occupied by Dutch fur-traders; the country called **New Netherland** and the post *New Amsterdam*.
- 1621, June 3. *Dutch West India Company* chartered with control of the colony. Colonists were sent out (1622), posts built at Fort Orange (Albany) and on the Delaware, settlement encouraged through large *patroonships* (Rensselaerwyck), and *friendly* relations with the *Iroquois* established.
1638. *Swedish* settlement on the Delaware, which finally (1655) surrendered to the Dutch.
- 1640-1649. *Puritan Revolution* in England checked a tendency to place the colonies under stricter home control, and the colonists in general did not recognize the power of Parliament over them.
- 1649-1660. Under the rule of the Commonwealth and Protectorate (Oliver Cromwell) commissioners were sent to control Virginia and they caused trouble in Maryland, but New England was left to govern itself.
1651. **First Navigation Act**, in harmony with the mercantile system of the period, the aims of centralized governments, and general policy of England for many years before, provided that trade between England and the colonies and the coasting trade should be carried on in English and colonist vessels only, and the foreign trade also, except that ships of a foreign country might bring in the products of that country.
1655. Conquest of Jamaica, which became the most important of the British West Indies colonies.
- 1660, May 29. *Restoration* in England caused revived interest in colonial exploitation and direct royal control, and a reaction in English government with which the colonies did not sympathize.
1660. **Second Navigation Act** revived the old law and inaugurated the system of *enumerated goods* (tobacco, sugar, cotton, dye-woods) which could be exported to England only. In 1663 another act forbade the importation of European goods except from England and in English or colonial ships. The machinery to enforce these acts was inadequate. At the same time the Committee for Foreign Plantations was established to advise the Privy Council on colonial matters; after 1675 the commission was known as the *Lords of Trade*.

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- 1663, April 3. **Carolina Charter**, similar to Baltimore's, granted to several courtiers. A settlement already existed at Albemarle.
1670. Settlement made in Charleston Harbor; in 1680 it moved to the present **Charleston**, which grew rapidly. The colonists at first governed themselves with but little interference (Fundamental Constitutions never enforced), but the venture failed financially and the growing friction between proprietaries and colonists resulted in much *misrule* and some violence.
1664. Grant with autocratic powers to the *Duke of York* of the country between the Connecticut and the Delaware, Long Island, and a part of Maine.
- Aug. 29. *New Amsterdam surrendered*. England and Holland were at peace, but trade rivalry was great and the Dutch were deemed intruders on English lands. Colony and town became **New York**. The Dutch element clung to its customs, but had little influence upon political development. There was a continuous effort for greater popular participation in the government.
- 1685, Feb. 6. Duke of York became king and New York a royal province.
- 1664, June 24. **New Jersey**, where already there were settlements, conveyed to Berkeley and Carteret by the Duke of York. Religious freedom and a popular assembly were made the basis of government, but development was hampered by the claim of jurisdiction of the governors of New York, instability in the **proprietary**, and internal quarrels. The colony was divided (1676) into *East* and *West New Jersey* and the ownership of both passed into Quaker hands.
1664. Royal Commission to New England. Massachusetts, while professing great loyalty, denied the authority of the commission and managed to thwart it. The king's demand for freedom of worship for Anglicans and suffrage based on property was virtually neglected.
- 1675-1676. *King Philip's War* in New England, the final Indian attempt to stay the progress of settlement there. Many frontier towns were destroyed and industries greatly weakened before the rising was suppressed.
1676. *Bacon's Rebellion* in Virginia. The causes were mainly economic — a frontier protest; it was suppressed after

Bacon's death and the economic conditions were not bettered.

1681, March 4. **PENNSYLVANIA** granted to **William Penn** (1644-1718), a Quaker, with powers similar to Baltimore's, though with more royal control. The boundaries on the south and west provoked long controversies with Maryland (Mason and Dixon Line) and Virginia. Penn soon acquired, in order to control his trade route, the territory which became **Delaware**, which Baltimore also claimed. Dutch and Swedes were already settled on the grant and Penn's activity brought a rapid immigration of Quakers and others, English, Welsh, Irish, and German. The *Frame of Government*, issued by Penn, gave *religious freedom* and the usual form of colonial government. The lower counties on the *Delaware* were, after 1703, considered a *separate colony*, though with the same governor as Pennsylvania.

1682. **Philadelphia** laid out.

1679. **New Hampshire** made a royal province. The Stuart colonial policy was quickened by the lack of financial returns, due to the evasions of the navigation acts. In 1676 *Edward Randolph* began his investigations in New England and his reports on trade violations, the numerous complaints of non-Puritan colonists and the attitude of independence brought matters to a crisis.

1684, Oct 23. **Massachusetts Charter annulled**. The *Dominion of New England* was formed, including *New York* and *New Jersey*; charters of *Connecticut* and *Rhode Island* were subverted though not legally abrogated. *Sir Edmund Andros* was governor (1686) with royal powers; no representative assembly.

1689. *Revolution in England*, which placed William and Mary on the throne, was the occasion of risings in the colonies. Andros was overthrown, the *old governments resumed in New England*. In *New York* chaotic conditions and fear of the French brought about the temporary rule of *Jacob Leisler*. In *Maryland* the accidental failure of Baltimore to proclaim the new rulers gave excuse for a revolt under Coode which *overthrew the proprietary government*.

III. CONDITIONS OF GROWTH, 1689-1763

English colonial administration after the Revolution continued the Stuart policy. Distance, however, was a hindrance, and there was much lack of interest and ignorance on the part of those in authority. The colonial commission, known after 1696 as the **Board of Trade** and Plantations, while active along many lines, was only advisory. Parliament showed an increasing interest in colonial affairs. Henceforth the right to *representative assemblies* was not questioned, and the *integrity* of the separate colonies was respected; but at times one governor ruled over two or more, and larger units of military control were attempted.

1691, Oct. 7. **Second Massachusetts Charter** granted. *Maine* and *Plymouth* were included in the colony, which became virtually a **royal province** with an appointed governor. *Connecticut* and *Rhode Island* were permitted to retain their *old charters*.

1702. East and West **New Jersey** were surrendered to the crown and became one **royal province**. In *Maryland* the *proprietary* was not *restored* until 1715, when the fifth Lord Baltimore had become a Protestant.

1719. The southern **Carolina** settlements revolted and received a royal governor.

1729. The proprietaries surrendered their charter and **North** and **South Carolina** were definitely established as separate **royal provinces**.

1732, June 9. **Georgia** Charter granted to certain philanthropists to found a refuge colony that would also be a barrier against Spanish aggression. Settlement was begun by *Oglethorpe* at Savannah (1733).

1754. The charter was surrendered and **Georgia** became a **royal province**.

1715-1760. The colonies which formed the United States were now complete. *Rhode Island* and *Connecticut* were virtually self-governing except as regards trade. In *Pennsylvania*, *Maryland*, and *Delaware* a proprietary intervened between the colonists and the crown but otherwise they were like the royal provinces. In the provinces the **government** consisted of an appointed governor and council and a lower house of repre-

sentatives. *Suffrage* was on a property basis. The *governor* had a veto and so had the crown except in Maryland. Imperial control was also exercised through trade administration. *Judges* were appointed and in most cases the governor and council were the highest court in law, chancery, and admiralty. Final appeal was to the Privy Council. The *popular assemblies* could initiate legislation, controlled internal taxation, and engaged in many disputes with the governors over salaries and other matters. They claimed the powers of the House of Commons as representatives of colonists who possessed all the rights of Englishmen.

The **population**, amounting to about 1,500,000 in 1760, was heterogeneous though mainly English in New England and New Jersey. In Pennsylvania the *Germans* and *Scotch-Irish* were especially numerous, and they pushed to the frontier and then spread south through Shenandoah Valley into the back country of the Carolinas, where they were separated from the lower settlements geographically, socially, and economically. This **frontier element** existed in all the colonies and was of importance in colonial development. It stood usually for natural rights as superior to vested ones, and towards the more settled portion of each colony as the colony as a whole did towards English control.

Agriculture was the economic basis of all the colonies, but New England was scarcely self-supporting in this respect. *Landholding* in the North was chiefly in small divisions, but in the South primogeniture and entail prevailed and there were plantations of great extent tilled by slaves. **Slavery** existed in all the colonies but slave-labor was not a success in the North. Except in New England land tenure was based on *quit-rents*. This was one of the recognized elements of imperial control, but it was at variance with the spirit of the colonies and met with opposition and evasion. New England's **exports** were rum, fish, and lumber, and she engaged in ship-building and the carrying-trade. The middle colonies shipped furs, bread stuffs, and provisions. Maryland and Virginia exported tobacco, and further south naval stores, rice, and indigo were the chief products.

In **education** there was a wide diversity among the colonies. In Massachusetts and Connecticut primary public education was required; in the South private tutors were the usual re-

course; and elsewhere there were private schools of importance. Seven colleges existed by 1760. The ministry was the chief profession, but the law rose rapidly in the later colonial period; medicine was at a low state. There were newspapers in ten colonies. Toleration of Protestant sects was general, but anti-Catholic laws existed and Jews were also under disabilities. In New England, except in Rhode Island, the *Congregational Church* was established. The *Church of England* was established in Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, and a few places in New York; but the efforts of the home government in its favor, and the movement for a colonial episcopacy, were fruitful sources of controversy and fear.

Intercolonial relations were mainly controversial, boundaries being the chief dispute. Social and economic differences were many: spirit of settlement in the various colonies and local pride; general democratic tendency in the North and the growth of a plantation aristocracy in the South; diversity of interests in the North and lack of it in the South; causes and results of local government; racial diversity; the Puritan social survivals in New England and the lighter ethical attitude elsewhere. The common sentiment was the result of dangers from without and the inheritance of rights as Englishmen. Several intercolonial gatherings were held and various plans of union suggested; only one of these received serious attention.

1754, June 19. **Albany Congress** held by commissioners from seven colonies to consider Indian affairs and the approaching French war. A plan of union, drafted by **Benjamin Franklin** (1706-1790) was adopted, providing for an appointed president-general and a council of elected representatives, with power over Indian affairs, military and naval affairs, public lands, and new settlements, and the right to make laws and levy taxes for these purposes. The colonies all *rejected* the plan because it limited their independent action, and the home government disapproved because it infringed too much on the royal prerogative.

The *West Indies plantations* were of primary interest to the home government, for from them came raw materials for English manufactures. An active trade existed between the islands and the continental colonies, much of which was with the French islands, where the products were cheaper.

1733. **Molasses Act** passed by Parliament to encourage the

British islands by laying a prohibitive duty on all molasses, sugar, and rum imported into the mainland colonies from foreign islands. This law was consistently disregarded. The list of enumerated articles was extended from time to time, but *bounties* were paid to encourage naval stores; and in general the navigation acts attempted legal compulsion of what would have been the natural course of colonial trade. When this was not the case, violation of the acts was easily practiced. As a part of the general policy, *manufacturing* was *restricted* in the colonies; intercolonial or overseas trade in woolens (1698), hats (1732), and iron except in pigs and bars (1750) was forbidden. The effect of such restrictions was slight, as manufacturing, except for domestic consumption, was nominal.

1689. The territorial claims of the English in North America extended from 29° to the St. Lawrence and across to the Pacific. The active *Spanish claim* overlapped that of the southern English colonies. The *French* hemmed in the English on two sides and contended with the English Hudson's Bay Company in the north. For the early part of the eighteenth century the value of much of this contested land lay chiefly in the control which it gave over the *Indians* and the *fur-trade*. The Revolution of 1688 inaugurated a series of wars with France and Spain in which the colonies participated.

1689-1697. *King William's War* was on the mainland chiefly one of Indian raids on frontier settlements by both sides, and the Treaty of Ryswick restored all conquests.

1701-1713. *Queen Anne's War* was again one of Indian raids (Deerfield, 1704), and contests between Carolina and Florida. Acadia was occupied by New England militia (1710). The Treaty of *Utrecht* yielded the *Hudson Bay region*, *Newfoundland*, and *Acadia (Nova Scotia)* to England.

1744-1748. *King George's War*. The chief event was the capture of *Louisburg* by a New England force (1745). The Peace of Aix-la-Chapelle restored it, however.

1754-1763. **FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR.** The key to the possession of the continent was the *control of the Mississippi Valley*. The English colonists began to penetrate there as traders and to settle on the western slope of the Alleghenies.

1749, May 19. Grant to the *Ohio Company* of land on the

south side of the Ohio. Explorations and preparations for settlement were made. To check these the *French* built a *chain of posts* between Lake Erie and the forks of the Ohio (**Fort Du Quesne**, now Pittsburg), anticipating the English at the latter point, which was one of strategic importance.

1755. Virginia, claiming this region, tried with little success to interest the other colonies. A small English force under *Braddock* was sent over, and, reinforced by colonial militia, it marched against Fort Du Quesne, but was completely *routed* by the French and Indians (July 8). Expeditions against Fort Niagara and Crown Point also failed. The French Indians raided the English settlements all along the frontier.

1756, May 18. War formally proclaimed between France and England, and the American struggle merged into the *Seven Years' War*, which built for *England*, under the leadership of **William Pitt** (Chatham) a *world-wide empire* and unprecedented *sea-power*. In America this and the next year brought only defeats; but finally Pitt's adequate preparations and colonial support, together with the inability of France to assist Canada, turned the scale and in 1758-1760 the French were driven from all their important posts.

1759, Sept. 17. **Surrender of Quebec**, after the battle of the Plains of Abraham (Sept. 13).

1763, Feb. 10. **Treaty of Paris** signed, in which France yielded to England all of *Canada*, and also *Louisiana* east of the Mississippi except New Orleans. Spain ceded *Florida* to England. Privately France had given the rest of Louisiana to Spain, and so departed from the mainland, though retaining islands in the West Indies.

IV. NATIONALITY, 1763-1789

1763-1775. CAUSES OF THE REVOLUTION. The war left England with a larger empire to exploit and defend, and a heavy debt. It had also taught that the *colonies* could not be depended upon to carry out imperialistic policies, while it was considered just that they should *share in the burden of their own defense*.

1763, Oct. 7. *Proclamation of 1763* forbade the colonists to

settle west of the crest of the Appalachians; Indian affairs were placed under direct royal supervision.

1764, April 5. *Sugar Act* revived the Molasses Act but reduced the duty to a revenue basis and provided for a strict enforcement of the Acts of Trade.

1765, March 22. *Stamp Act* to raise through stamp duties means for a standing army to defend the colonies. These measures were certain to provoke opposition, however strictly legal they might be, because contrary to the lines of colonial development. The Stamp Act was internal taxation, over which the colonial legislatures claimed entire control, and its purpose most objectionable. It was greeted with a storm of protest and mob violence; its *enforcement was impossible*.

Oct. 7. *Stamp Act Congress* met at New York, with delegates from nine colonies. Resolutions were passed against *taxation without representation*, by which they meant to deny the right of Parliament to tax, rather than to claim the right to representation in Parliament.

1766, March 18. Stamp Act repealed, but *Declaratory Act* passed asserting the right of Parliament to tax the colonies.

1767, May. *Townshend Acts* passed. These laid duties on tea and other things imported into the colonies, the proceeds to be used to pay salaries of colonial governors and judges. This disguise as external taxation failed, and the purpose of the tax swelled the volume of denunciation. But domestic English conditions frustrated then and later any candid consideration there of the colonial position.

1768, Feb. 11. Circular letter drafted by Samuel Adams (1722-1803) was sent to the other colonies by the Massachusetts Assembly, suggesting harmonious action against the new duties. *Non-importation* agreements were formed.

1770, March 5. *Boston Massacre*; a mob attack on British soldiers who killed five of the rioters. To the inflamed popular mind these men were martyrs, and to avoid further bloodshed the troops were withdrawn. Meanwhile the *frontier* was being steadily pushed westward. The series of Indian cessions aided in this, and squatters settled without regard to the Indian rights, or the Proclamation of 1763.

1768-1771. *War of the Regulation* in North Carolina. A frontier protest against unjust taxes, courts, and corrupt placemen; it had no direct connection with the Revolution.

When finally defeated by the militia, many of the Regulators helped to settle **Watauga** in eastern Tennessee under a voluntary government. Settlement in **Kentucky** followed *Boone's* exploration there; the advent of the Revolution did not check the westward migration, and Kentucky was organized as a county by Virginia (1776).

1770. Townshend duties produced no revenue and were repealed except on tea, retained for the principle. The trouble was kept alive, however, by various events, royal obstinacy, and the efforts of Adams and other colonial agitators.

1772, Nov. 2. *Committee of Correspondence* instituted by Boston, an Adams measure. Similar local committees appeared in the other Massachusetts towns, and later in other colonies.

1773, March 13. Intercolonial Committees of Correspondence inaugurated by the Virginia Assembly. These committees became a powerful force for mutual encouragement and united effort.

Dec. 16. **Boston Tea Party.** The King being determined to enforce the tax, tea was sent to several colonial ports. It was either sent back or stored without payment of duty; but in Boston a party of disguised men threw it overboard.

1774. **Coercion of Massachusetts.** For this, and her general leadership, Parliament passed several acts against Massachusetts: the *port of Boston was closed*, the charter practically abrogated, the government centralized, and the town meeting system destroyed.

1774. *Quebec Act* extended that province over the country north of the Ohio and west of New York and Pennsylvania, the Catholic religion was established, and a government without popular representation. The other colonies saw a menace in this, but the measure had no such significance.

Sept.-Oct. **First Continental Congress** met at Philadelphia; Georgia alone was not represented. A petition, an address, and a declaration of rights were framed. A *non-importation* association was formed, which the local committees were to enforce.

Oct. *Provincial Congress in Massachusetts*, being the assembly of the General Court, met and assumed the control of

the government. The power of Gov. Gage was confined to Boston, which became an armed camp. The congress appointed a *committee of safety* and *prepared for war*.

1775, April 19. **Battle of Lexington and Concord.** Gage sent out a force to destroy a depot of colonial stores, and on its return it was fiercely assailed by bands of minute men. The militia began at once to **besiege Boston**. In these preliminary controversies many prominent colonists supported the home government. These **loyalists** suffered much for their convictions, and were prevented by coercion and violence from exercising influence that would naturally have been theirs.

1775-1783. THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

1775, May 10. **Second Continental Congress** met at Philadelphia. This body continued to sit until 1789. It assumed control over the army before Boston, and without other authority than that of general acquiescence exercised until 1781 the war, financial, and foreign powers of a nation. The main financial reliance of Congress and the states was paper money which depreciated rapidly.

June 15. **GEORGE WASHINGTON** (1732-1799) of Virginia appointed **commander-in-chief**. He had been prominent in the French War, but the choice was mainly to emphasize the united character of the struggle. He took command on July 3, and succeeded in making a fairly effective army out of the heterogeneous forces under him.

1776, March 17. *Evacuation of Boston.* The American army was transferred to New York.

July 4. **THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.** Though from the beginning a few radicals had desired independence, the colonies would have been satisfied with self government; but the persistent stigma of rebels brought conviction that reconciliation was impossible. Congress waited, however, until the provinces had given instructions for independence. **Thomas Jefferson** (1743-1826) drafted the Declaration. After asserting the natural rights which authorized the measure, and describing the grievances which justified it, the **United States of America** were declared to be free and independent.

1776-1780. Written constitutions were adopted during the war by all the states except Rhode Island and Connecticut which merely adapted their old charters. These constitutions were framed on experience, the English Constitution, as

understood, and prevalent political theories. A *bill of rights* and a government of *3 departments* were features in each of them.

1776. Campaign in New York and New Jersey. Howe's army appeared before New York City on July 2. In the ensuing campaign, Washington's dwindling forces were driven across New Jersey, but reestablished themselves in Morristown, and later again on the Hudson.

1777. **Burgoyne's campaign** was an attempt to isolate New England. His army marched from Canada, and reached the Hudson, but was compelled to *surrender at Saratoga* (Oct. 17) to the army under Gates (Schuyler, Arnold).

Nov. 17. **Articles of Confederation** adopted by Congress and submitted to the states. The only federal instrument of this "league of friendship" was a unicameral *congress* in which each state had one vote. The confederate *powers* were strictly limited to foreign relations, post office, coinage, and Indian affairs. The majority necessary for all important measures was nine states, and *amendment* was possible only by consent of the legislatures of all the states. *Revenue* was to be raised by requisitions on the states and no power to enforce these was provided.

1778, Feb. 6. Treaty of alliance with **France** signed by **Franklin**. France had given secret assistance, and now recognized the United States and gave financial and military aid.

1778-1779. **Conquest of the Northwest** by **George Rogers Clark** and a Virginia force. The occupation was fundamental to the claim to this region during the peace negotiations.

1778-1781. Campaign in the South. The region was overrun and devastated by partisan warfare, but *Cornwallis* finally shut himself up at Yorktown, Va., where the French fleet kept him blockaded while the American and French forces under Washington and Rochambeau, by a swift march from New York, besieged him.

Oct. 19. **Surrender of Yorktown** virtually ended the war.

1783, Sept. 3. **Peace of Paris** signed. The *boundaries* of the new nation on the north were the St. Croix River and "*Highlands*" south of the St. Lawrence (fruitful of later controversy), and the Great Lakes; on the west the Mississippi; on the south 31° and the St. Mary's River. As England ceded

the Floridas to Spain, the *southern line* also provoked *controversy*. The Americans retained the *right to fish* on the Canadian and Newfoundland coasts; the *British merchants* could collect *debts* due before 1775; but *indemnity* was not granted to the *loyalists*, though Congress was to recommend such action to the states.

1781, March 1-1789. THE CONFEDERATION. *Maryland* refused to agree to the Articles until she was satisfied that the seven states having **western claims** would cede them to the Confederation. By 1786, New York, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Connecticut (except the Western Reserve) had done this for the region north of the Ohio. Virginia retained Kentucky but promised statehood. South Carolina ceded her supposed claim in 1787. North Carolina and Georgia did not cede until later.

1785, May 20. Land Ordinance passed by Congress. The simple plan of survey into townships of six miles square has been retained since then.

1787, July 13. Northwest Territory created for the land west of New York and Pennsylvania, and north of the Ohio. The ordinance established a temporary *government* of a governor and council with a representative assembly when the population was sufficient, and provided for future statehood. The inhabitants of the territory were guaranteed *full civil rights* and **slavery was prohibited**.

1788. Marietta settled by a second Ohio Company which had purchased a large grant from Congress, and the government of the new territory established.

A readjustment of **social and economic conditions** followed the war. *Religious* establishment ceased, except in New England, and the Church of England was replaced by the Protestant Episcopal Church. The other Protestant churches received national organization, and the Catholics a bishop. *Primogeniture* and entail were abolished, but property qualifications for *suffrage*, and religious and property qualifications for office were retained. The anomaly of *slavery* in a democratic nation was recognized, and by 1804 immediate or gradual *emancipation* was effected in all the northern states. In the South also, except in South Carolina and Georgia where slave labor was considered necessary in the rice swamps, there was anti-slavery sentiment (*Jefferson*), but it led to no official action.

Industry and finances had become dislocated. The United States was now a foreign nation to the British navigation acts; and though a readjustment ensued and a new trade with the Orient developed, this took time. The driving out of the *loyalists* not only had a demoralizing effect, but deprived the new country of their experienced counsel. The general after effects of the war were demoralizing also; its doctrines of liberty suffered from too liberal interpretation, and the approach to anarchy which followed was the effect of this, rather than of any extended impoverishing effect of the contest. *Congress* could not meet the interest on its debt; the states refused to honor its requisitions; the people of the states, especially the frontiersmen, resented the collection of taxes and debts, and demanded, with success in some cases, more paper money and stay and tender laws.

1781-1784. Congress made *three efforts for amendment*: to get the states to permit it to lay an impost, enjoy commercial powers, and pass a navigation act; but unanimous consent could not be obtained in any case. *Sectional distrust* was added to the *selfish action* of individual states, especially over the unsuccessful negotiations with Spain for the free navigation of the lower Mississippi.

1786-1787. Shays Rebellion in Massachusetts was an armed protest against the courts and largely a frontier movement. State troops suppressed it. Violent evidence of economic disturbance was seen elsewhere. Meanwhile *Congress was moribund*; it was almost impossible to keep a quorum of nine states. The only security of the Union lay in a grant of real commercial, financial, and coercive powers.

1787, May 25. **THE FEDERAL CONVENTION** met at Philadelphia to revise the Articles of Confederation. All the states but Rhode Island sent representatives. Instead of amending the Articles, the convention proceeded to draft a new constitution on the basis of an outline (*Virginia plan*) presented by James Madison (1751-1836). This called for a government of *three separate departments*, and a *bicameral congress* with proportional representation and *adequate powers*. The first great contest was over proportional representation, the small states demanding an equal vote (New Jersey plan).

July 16. Representation compromise adopted, by which in

the House of Representatives it should be proportional, and in the Senate each state have an equal vote. To the House was reserved the right of initiating bills for revenue and appropriations; but this was later modified by giving the Senate the right to amend such bills, and the two senators from each state were given separate votes. The *basis of the apportionment* was between population or wealth, and the relation of *slaves* to these. By the compromise both representation and direct taxes were to be apportioned according to the free population and three fifths of the slaves, which was a ratio previously suggested by Congress.

Among *other compromises* were the mode of *election of president*, and the right to pass *navigation acts* and prohibit the *slave-trade*. At first it was proposed to grant to Congress a veto over state laws, but the development of a *national government operating directly upon the people* made this unnecessary, and the proper subordination of the states was achieved by declaring the Constitution, and laws and treaties made under it, the **supreme law of the land** by which the judges in all the states were bound. A futile attempt was made to prevent the addition of *new states* on an equal footing with the original ones.

Sept. 17. Constitution signed and convention adjourned.

1787-1788. **Ratification** of the Constitution was to be through special conventions, and approval by nine states sufficient for its operation among them. The contest inside and outside the conventions was vigorous; in the newspaper controversy effective work for the Constitution was done by Madison, *Alexander Hamilton* (1757-1804), and *John Jay* (1745-1829) in a series called **The Federalist**, still one of the best commentaries. States ratified in the following order: Delaware (Dec. 7), Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York (July 26). The *Continental Congress*, after providing for the first election and organization of the new government, *died of inanition*.

1789, Feb. 4. The **first presidential election**. The electors who voted this day had been chosen by popular or legislative vote. Washington received every vote, and John Adams (1735-1826) with 34 out of 69 was elected vice-president.

V. FEDERALIST CONTROL, 1789-1801

1789, April 2. **First session** of the House of Representatives at New York. The Senate met three days later. Madison the leader in the House.

April 22. *John Adams* of Massachusetts took the oath as *vice-president* and president of the Senate.

1789 April 30-1797 March 4. **GEORGE WASHINGTON** of Virginia first president.

July 4. First *Tariff Act*, giving some protection. Until the Civil War the tariff continued to be the main reliance for federal revenue.

July 27. *Department of State* created; *Jefferson* the first secretary.

Aug. 7. *War Department* established; *Henry Knox* the first secretary.

Sept. 2. *Treasury Department* authorized; *Hamilton* the first secretary.

Sept. 24. An *Attorney General* provided for in the Judiciary Act; *Edmund Randolph* the first incumbent. These four officials, as the president's chief advisers, formed the unofficial cabinet. There was also a *Postmaster General*, but he was not for many years a member of the cabinet. The *Judiciary Act* constituted the **Supreme Court** with six justices, also circuit and district courts; *Jay* the chief justice. The first session of Congress lasted six months and the ordinary federal activities were safely started. These early statutes endured. Twelve constitutional amendments, in the nature of a *bill of rights* and based upon those proposed by the ratifying conventions, were submitted to the states; those ratified became the **first ten amendments**.

Nov. 21. North Carolina ratified the Constitution.

1790, May 26. Territory South of the Ohio established, comprising the western claim of North Carolina, ceded on April 2.

May 29. Rhode Island ratified the Constitution.

Aug. First census. Land area, 820,377 miles; population 3,929,625 (3,172,444 whites, 59,557 free negroes, 697,624 slaves).

1790-1791. **HAMILTON'S FINANCIAL MEASURES.** Four

remarkable reports embodied his policy. He proposed to fund the continental debt and accrued interest (\$55,000,000), both foreign and domestic, at par (except the bills of credit), and also to assume to a stated sum (\$21,000,000) the debts of the states. The plan was brilliant, extravagant, and complicated; based upon future development rather than existing ability; but in promoting confidence in the new government it was a measure of rare political foresight. It met with much opposition. The depreciated certificates of indebtedness had changed hands often, and there had been recent active speculation in them. It was held unjust that the present holders should fund them at face value and unpaid interest. Assumption was attacked by those states that had already paid portions of their debt or had depended more upon taxation; and was carried only after a bargain between Hamilton and Jefferson and Madison on this and the location of the capital.

1790, July 16. Act for the seat of government provided that the temporary capital should be at Philadelphia, and the permanent one on the Potomac. Washington selected the site.

Aug. 4. **Funding Act** passed, substantially embodying Hamilton's plan.

1791, Feb. 25. Act to incorporate the **Bank of the United States**. It was chartered for twenty years, with a capital of \$10,000,000, given a monopoly, the charge of federal funds, and the right to issue circulating notes. The opposition, led by Jefferson and Madison, objected to the monopoly, and also considered the bank *unconstitutional* because there was *no expressed power* to incorporate one, and it was not necessary to the exercise of the conferred powers. Hamilton argued that it was *constitutional* because it was a *convenient and proper instrument* for carrying out those powers (implied powers).

March 3. *Excise* tax laid on spirits (*whiskey*), to pay the interest on the public debt. This internal taxation was very unpopular.

March 4. Vermont (14th state) admitted. The region had been claimed by New York and New Hampshire and had established an independent government during the Revolution.

1792, April 2. The *Mint Act* provided for the coinage of gold,

silver, and copper coins, on a bimetallic basis, with the dollar as the unit. The mint was located at Philadelphia.

June 1. Kentucky (15th state) admitted.

1792, Nov. Second presidential election. Washington was again the unanimous choice. In five states the people voted for electors; in ten the legislatures chose them. Adams vice-president by 77 votes out of 132. Inauguration was on March 4, 1793. By 1793 political cleavage was evident. *Jefferson* was the acknowledged leader of what came to be the Republican party, and *Hamilton* of the Federalists. Washington had hoped for a non-partisan administration but his sympathies were Federalistic. Adams was an avowed Federalist. Fundamentally the division was one of *broad or restricted construction* of the Constitution, but practically the matter was complicated by personal factors, foreign relations, class distinctions, and economic conditions. Hamilton and Jefferson were natural opponents; the former believed in a strong central government by the higher classes, the latter in a minimum interference of government, and in equality of opportunity. While the division was not intentionally sectionalistic, New England became the stronghold of the Federalists and the West the Republican stronghold; elsewhere class and occupation were the basis of affiliation.

The execution of the treaty of 1783 provoked controversy. England retained the frontier posts, while complaining that her merchants could not collect their *ante-bellum debts*. The *Indians* of the Northwest made war on the settlers, and though the British did not foment this, the retention of the posts was an encouragement and a check to American control and fur-trade. In the Southwest Spain encouraged the unrest of the Indians.

1791, Nov. 4. Defeat of St. Clair by the northwestern Indians.

1792, Discovery of the Columbia River by Robert Gray, the beginning of *American claim to the Oregon country*.

1793. Cotton gin invented by Eli Whitney.

Feb. 1. War declared by France on England and other powers.

This followed the execution of Louis XVI (Jan. 21). American sympathy had been general for the **French Revolution**, but thereafter there was a division of sentiment. Washington wished to *avoid entanglement in European affairs*, but the

French alliance and the English relations complicated matters.

Feb. 12. First Fugitive Slave Act required the return of the fugitive on evidence satisfactory to a federal or state judge.

April 8. Genêt, the new minister of the French Republic, landed at Charleston. He was enthusiastically received and his journey to Philadelphia was an ovation. Though not yet accredited, he began to commission privateers.

April 22. *Neutrality proclamation* issued.

May 18. Washington received Genêt coldly, but the minister, relying upon popular enthusiasm and the support of the Republicans, continued to ignore American neutrality and to abuse the administration.

Aug. 23. His recall was requested. France disavowed his behavior, but his successors, while avoiding his extremes, continued to ally themselves with the Republican party. As a war measure *France* had thrown open to neutrals the *trade* of her *West Indies colonies*. England refused to recognize the trade (*Rule of 1756*) and seized American vessels engaged in it. She also *impressed sailors* from American ships.

Nov. 6. British order in council for the seizure of all ships carrying produce of any French colony or supplies for such colony. Though restricted (Jan. 8, 1794) to trade between the colonies and Europe, American resentment was great. As a final effort to prevent war, Jay was sent to negotiate.

Dec. 31. Jefferson resigned; Edmund Randolph succeeded.

1794, March 27. Naval Act, ordering six ships: the *beginning of the Navy*, and intended primarily as a protection against Algerian depredations.

June 5. Carriage tax, federal retail liquor license, and excise on snuff and sugar laid. Two days later the tariff was increased.

July-Oct. **Whiskey Insurrection** was an armed opposition in western Pennsylvania to the collection of the excise. The machinations of the French minister (Fauchet) and of the democratic societies were suspected. (Washington's rebuke of "self-created societies.") From the neighboring states 15,000 militia were called out, but the insurgents dispersed without resistance. To Hamilton and others this opportunity to show the *coercive power of the new government* was welcome.

Aug. 20. Battle of Fallen Timber; Wayne's decisive *defeat* of the northwestern *Indians*.

Nov. 19. **Jay Treaty** with Great Britain signed. England surrendered the *frontier posts*; commissions were authorized to determine the St. Croix River, the British debts, indemnity for illegal seizures, and for British losses through French-American privateers. Complete freedom of trade was given to England, but only a very limited permission for Americans in the *British West Indies trade*. Neutral rights and immunity from search or impressment were ignored; but this unsatisfactory treaty was the only way to avoid war, so the Senate advised acceptance, after striking out the article on West Indies trade. The pro-French Republicans denounced the treaty, and a long *struggle in the House* preceded the appropriation necessary to carry it into effect (April 28, 1796).

1795, Jan. 31. Hamilton retired from the cabinet, but remained the party leader. *Albert Gallatin* (1761-1849), a Republican member of the House, became the financial leader. He aimed at economy and a legislative check, through *detailed appropriations*, on expenditures.

Feb. 13. Naturalization Act, requiring five years of residence. Except between 1798 and 1802 this has remained the period.

Aug. 3. *Treaty of Greenville* with the northwestern Indians. The greater portion of Ohio was ceded, and the Indians of the region were quiet for fifteen years.

Oct. 27. *Treaty of San Lorenzo* with Spain signed. Spain acknowledged *31° as the boundary*, granted the free navigation of the Mississippi, and a place of deposit at New Orleans.

1796, May 18. First general *Land Law* provided for sale at auction of sections of 640 acres and tracts of 5120 acres at a minimum price of \$2 an acre, half cash, rest in one year. Attempts to check migration and to prevent speculation failed.

June 1. Tennessee (16th state) admitted. It was coterminous with the Territory South of the Ohio.

Nov. Third presidential election resulted in 71 votes for Adams and 68 for Jefferson. In six states the people voted for electors.

1797, March 4-1801, March 4. JOHN ADAMS second president; *Thomas Jefferson*, vice-president; Timothy Pickering, later John Marshall (1755-1835), secretary of state. With the retirement of Washington *partisan virulence* became greater, especially in the newspapers and pamphlets; but there was also a *lack of Federalist harmony*, due to the antagonism of Hamilton and Adams. *France*, to show her *dissatisfaction with the Jay Treaty* and the permitted consideration of provisions as contraband, seized American vessels, and refused to receive the American minister, C. C. Pinckney. Adams, as a final effort, while advising defensive measures, appointed three envoys, although the extreme Federalists desired war.

1797-1798. X Y Z Mission. When the envoys, Pinckney, Marshall, and Elbridge Gerry reached Paris (Oct.) Talleyrand, while delaying their reception, endeavored unsuccessfully through three agents known as X, Y, and Z to persuade the envoys to bribe the Directory, and agree to a loan, while the commercial depredations were continued. His purpose was intimidation rather than war, but it had the opposite effect. The envoys departed and American war preparations followed their news (April).

1798, Jan. 8. *Eleventh Amendment* proclaimed. It forbade federal suits against states by citizens of other states or foreign countries; a measure in support of state sovereignty.

April 7. Territory of Mississippi created; it comprised the region ceded by Spain.

April 27, July 16. Increase of the navy authorized.

April 30. *Navy Department* established; a cabinet office.

June 13. Intercourse with France suspended.

June 18. *Naturalization Act* required fourteen years' residence.

June 25. *Alien Act* permitted the president in time of peace to expel undesirable foreigners.

July 6. Alien Enemy Act gave more drastic war powers.

July 7. Treaties with France abrogated.

July 14. *Sedition Act*, which made it a crime to libel the government, was with the Alien and Naturalization acts, a Federalist measure to curb the Republicans, especially the journalists and pamphleteers, many of whom were foreigners. There were no expulsions, but some convictions for sedition.

In these Samuel Chase of the Supreme Court was prominent for Federalist partisanship.

July 14. A direct tax of \$2,000,000 apportioned and assessed on real estate and slaves.

July 16. The army enlarged to a war footing. Washington, commander-in-chief, but Hamilton the real head. In the *naval quasi-war* which resulted from these preparations the new frigates distinguished themselves in several duels and curtailed the activity of French privateers.

Nov. 16, Dec. 24. The **Kentucky and Virginia resolutions**, adopted by the legislatures of these states, were the Republican answer to the Alien and Sedition laws. The Kentucky ones were based on a draft by *Jefferson*, the Virginia ones were by *Madison*. They declared the Constitution to be a *compact* between the *states* who were the *final judges* of the powers delegated by it (state rights); that the above acts were unconstitutional and "void and of no force"; and that the *common defense and general welfare clause* did not grant separate powers to Congress but limited the purpose to which other delegated powers should be applied. The Virginia Resolutions declared the states had a right to "interpose" to arrest the evil, and later Kentucky resolutions declared a "*nullification* by those [state] sovereignties" of such acts to be "a rightful remedy." The official response of the other states to these resolutions was unfavorable; the northern ones upheld the acts, the southern ones ignored the resolutions. Their popular influence was, however, great, but not early enough to prevent Federalist control of the next (6th) Congress.

1799, Feb. 25. Adams unexpectedly nominated three envoys to France, and the war faction could not prevent the assent of the Senate. Before the envoys reached Paris Napoleon Bonaparte had become ruler of France (Nov. 9). He favored peace.

1800, April 4. Uniform Bankruptcy Act was expressly authorized by the Constitution, but unpopular with those who wished to confine the federal activities. The law was repealed by the Republicans (Dec. 19, 1803).

April 28. Jurisdiction over Western Reserve ceded by Connecticut.

May 7. Northwest Territory divided; Indiana Territory created, comprising all west of present Ohio.

May 10. Second *Land Law* permitted selling of half sections, and four years for payment.

Aug., Second census. Population 5,308,483 (4,306,446 whites, 108,435 free negroes, 893,602 slaves), an increase of 35 per cent. The Northwest increased from 4000 to 51,000, the Southwest from 110,000 to 335,000.

Sept. 30. *Treaty of peace and commerce with France* signed. Napoleon refused indemnity unless the alliance was restored; so both were omitted. The final assent of the Senate was delayed until Dec. 19, 1801, when the Republicans controlled.

Nov. **Third presidential election.** The campaign opened in

May when Adams reorganized his cabinet, eliminating the Hamilton supporters. He and Pinckney were the Federalist nominees; Jefferson and Aaron Burr the choice of the Republicans. The *Federalists* were hopelessly split and *had served their purpose* in securing a staple organization for the new government. In power, the *Republicans adopted* such *Federalist principles* as were necessary to federal security and growth. Jefferson and Burr each received 73 votes, Adams, 65, Pinckney 64. The people voted in only four states. Under the Constitution the House had to decide between Jefferson and Burr. The Federalists threatened to choose the latter, but Hamilton opposed it and Burr refused to treat with them.

Nov. 17. Congress first met at Washington.

1801, Jan. 31. Marshall appointed chief justice of the Supreme Court. Under him the court became a *stronghold* of *Federalist principles*.

Feb. 13. *Judiciary Act* provided for sixteen circuit judges; the last Federalist measure to strengthen the central government. The act and Adams's appointments under it (midnight appointments) were resented by Jefferson.

Feb. 17. Jefferson elected president by vote of ten states.

VI. NEUTRAL RIGHTS, 1801-1815

1801, March 4-1809, March 4. **THOMAS JEFFERSON** of Virginia, third president; *Aaron Burr* of New York, vice-president; *James Madison*, secretary of state; *Albert Gallatin*, secretary of the treasury. Respecting the *civil service*, Jeffer-

son's removals were in the end rather thorough, but he did not consciously introduce the spoils system. In his desire for economy and *laissez faire*, love of peace, and indifference to commerce, he planned to lay up the navy, and he reduced the army, diplomatic service, and taxes. The public debt had increased to \$83,000,000; in eleven years Gallatin reduced it to \$45,000,000 in spite of the purchase of Louisiana.

1801-1805. *Tripolitan War*. To secure immunity for its commerce, the United States in common with other nations had paid tribute to the Barbary States. Tripoli, dissatisfied with its portion, now declared war. After various naval actions, and when threatened with a revolt, the pacha made peace (June 4), renouncing the tribute.

1802, March 8. *Repeal of the Judiciary Act of 1801*. This also legislated out of office the midnight judges.

March 16. West Point authorized; opened the same year.

March 27. Peace of Amiens between France and England, which assisted Jefferson in carrying out his policies.

April 6. Repeal of all the federal internal taxes.

April 14. The Naturalization Act of 1798 repealed and former act restored. The Alien and Sedition acts had expired.

April 24. Georgia ceded her claim to land west of her present boundary. The United States promised not to forbid slavery in the ceded region, which was added to Mississippi Territory.

1803. Ohio (17th state) admitted.

Feb. 24. Opinion delivered by Chief Justice Marshall in *Marbury v. Madison*. In this, as an *obiter dictum*, he asserted the independence of the federal judiciary and its *right to declare federal acts void*.

Feb. 28. Act authorizing gunboats signed. It was Jefferson's policy to substitute these coast-defense vessels for the sea-going frigates. They proved useless in war.

April 30. *Louisiana Purchase Treaty* signed. Spain had secretly retroceded the region to France (Oct. 1, 1800) on promise of non-alienation. French control of the mouth of the Mississippi was a menace to the United States, and when the right to deposit was suddenly withdrawn (Nov. 1802) Jefferson endeavored to purchase the New Orleans region. Napoleon, knowing that war with England was to recur soon and prevent his plans of colonial empire, illegally sold the whole

of Louisiana to the American envoys, R. R. Livingston and James Monroe (1758-1831), who had no authority to accept it, for \$11,200,000 and the assumption of \$3,800,000 worth of claims against France. The boundaries were left vague. A justifiable claim to eastern *Texas* was neglected in favor of an unjustifiable one to *Spanish West Florida* to the Perdido River. Efforts to get Spain to acknowledge this claim almost led to war. Jefferson doubted the *constitutionality of annexation* but finally accepted a loose construction of the treaty-making power which would cover it.

Oct. 31. Occupation of Louisiana and such temporary government as the president might provide authorized by Congress; a Federalist measure adopted by Republicans against Federalist opposition.

1804-06. *Lewis and Clark Expedition* up the Missouri and down the Columbia. This was the second step in the claim to the Oregon country.

1804-1805. Impeachment and trial of Justice Samuel Chase, as the only way to secure his dismissal. The real purpose was to assert political control over the court. He was acquitted by the Senate (March 1), and *impeachment for political purposes* was not tried again until 1868.

1804, March 26. A new land law permitted the sale of quarter sections.

March 26. Louisiana Purchase divided; all below 33° made Territory of Orleans, with a governor and council but no assembly. The rest was attached to Indiana Territory, but later became Louisiana Territory.

July 14. + *Hamilton*, shot by Burr in a duel. New England Federalists, plotting disunion, had intrigued with Burr, who had broken with Jefferson. Hamilton had opposed the conspiracy and Burr's candidacy for governor. The duel destroyed Burr and any chance the conspiracy had of developing, and left the *Federalists without a capable leader*.

Sept. 25. *Twelfth Amendment* proclaimed, an outgrowth of the last presidential contest. It required separate votes for president and vice-president; if no one has a majority, the House chooses the president out of the three highest, the Senate the vice-president out of the two highest.

Nov. Fifth presidential election. Jefferson and *George Clinton* of New York received 162 votes; C. C. Pinckney and

Rufus King, the Federalists, 14 votes. The people voted for electors in 10 out of 17 states.

1805, Jan. 11. Indiana Territory divided; Michigan Territory created for the portion north of the southern end of Lake Michigan.

March 2. The populous Territory of Orleans finally given a representative assembly.

1806, March 29. Act to lay out the *National (Cumberland) Road* between Cumberland, Md., and Wheeling on the Ohio; the beginning of the policy of **internal improvements**. Other appropriations follow.

1806–1807. *Burr Conspiracy*. When Burr retired from the vice-presidency he entered upon a project, the nature of which is not known; more likely an expedition against Spanish America rather than disunion. His support came from the West. With a few armed men he finally started down the Ohio, but the expedition ended at Natchez (Jan. 17). Burr was tried for treason, but acquitted under a ruling by Marshall, whose relations with Jefferson were antagonistic.

The renewal of the **Napoleonic Wars** (1803) left the United States the only neutral nation able to profit by them. Her carrying trade was essential and increased greatly; the tonnage in the foreign trade rose from 560,000 tons in 1802 to 984,000 tons in 1810, two thirds of which belonged to New England and New York. The war brought also an intensified renewal of the earlier troubles. Both France and England *impressed sailors* from American ships, and *violated neutral rights*; but as England controlled the seas her opportunities were greater. The trade between the West Indies colonies and the mother countries by way of the United States was now interdicted under the *doctrine of continuous voyages*. On the other hand, many British deserters sought refuge on American ships and there was much fraud in the neutral trade.

1806, April 18. Act prohibiting the importation of specified British products. This was Jefferson's first weapon of retaliation through *peaceful coercion*. The act did not go into effect until Dec. 14, 1807, but with it on hand Jefferson renewed negotiations.

Nov. 21. *Berlin Decree*, by which Napoleon declared a *paper blockade* of the British islands; English goods to be lawful prize wherever found.

Dec. 31. Treaty with Great Britain signed by Monroe and William Pinkney, permitting the West Indies trade by way of the United States under certain regulations; but as it did not provide indemnity for seizures or forbid impressment, and as the British would expect America to resist the Berlin Decree as a condition of its acceptance, Jefferson rejected it (March).

1807, Feb. 10. Coast Survey authorized, but not finally organized until 1816.

March 2. *Foreign slave-trade prohibited* after Jan. 1, 1808.

April 7. First voyage up the Hudson of Fulton's steamboat *Clermont*. The beginning of practical *steam navigation*.

June 22. **Chesapeake-Leopard affair.** H.M.S. the *Leopard* fired on and boarded the U.S.S. *Chesapeake* and searched her for alleged deserters. Jefferson, still clinging to peaceful means, issued a proclamation (July 2) by which all armed British vessels were interdicted from American waters and intercourse with them forbidden. England sent a special envoy (Rose) to America (Jan. 1808) but no basis of agreement could be reached.

Nov. 17. *British Order in Council* declared a paper blockade of all French and other ports from which the British merchant flag was excluded, and all vessels trading to such ports were to be seized unless they had put in at a British port and obtained a *license*.

Dec. 17. *Milan Decree* ordered the seizure of any vessel which submitted to search by the English, or was on a voyage to England, or paid any tax to the English government.

Dec. 22. **Embargo Act** was intended, Jefferson said, to protect American shipping and goods, but it was really another attempt at peaceful coercion of the belligerents. American vessels were forbidden to leave port, and foreign vessels also except in ballast. The measure was deeply resented by the people it pretended to protect and was continually evaded. Supplementary and enforcement acts were passed. The act worked some hardship and produced no intended external effect; in *New England* both *nullification* and *separation* were discussed. Federalists and Republicans had changed places in ten years.

Nov. The sixth presidential election resulted in 122 votes for Madison and 113 for Clinton, and 47 for Pinckney and King.

1809, Feb. 3. Indiana Territory divided again; Illinois Territory created.

March 1. *Non-intercourse* with England and France substituted for the general embargo, no longer tenable. The president could restore intercourse with either nation.

March 2. Act to extend time of payment for public lands; the first of several such relief laws.

1809, March 4–1817, March 4. JAMES MADISON of Virginia, fourth president; *George Clinton* (+1812) vice-president; Robert Smith (later Monroe) secretary of state; Albert Gallatin (later A. J. Dallas) secretary of the treasury.

April 19. A proclamation issued restoring intercourse with England after June 10; the British minister, Erskine, having, in disregard of his instructions, promised that the Orders in Council would then be withdrawn. The agreement was repudiated by England, and non-intercourse was renewed (Aug. 9).

1810, May 1. *Macon Bill No. 2* (so-called), while renewing intercourse, directed that the restriction should be resumed against either nation if the other withdrew its orders or decrees. The act gave England an advantage over France.

Aug. Third census. Land area 1,699,761 square miles, an increase of 110 per cent. Population 7,239,881 (5,862,073 whites, 186,466 free negroes, 1,191,362 slaves), an increase of 36 per cent. The Northwest increased 434 per cent; the Southwest 111 per cent; 97,401 lived in the trans-Mississippi region.

Aug. 5. Announced withdrawal of French decrees after November 1; a pretense which deceived Madison.

Oct. 27. Proclamation issued for the *occupation* of the claimed portion of *West Florida*, following an insurrection there against Spanish authority; but only the portion west of the Pearl was now taken.

Nov. 2. Proclamation issued for resumption of non-intercourse with Great Britain after Feb. 1. This was adhered to even after Napoleon's duplicity was evident. England refused

to withdraw the orders because they were just measures in retaliation of the French illegal decrees; and the United States insisted upon its neutral rights being respected without reference to the abnormal conditions.

1811, Feb. *Defeat of the bill to recharter the Bank of the United States.* The defeat was due to a combination of strict constructionists, friends of state banks, and anti-Gallatin men.

Oct.-Dec. *First steamboat navigation of the Mississippi River* (Pittsburg to New Orleans). The first upstream trip (New Orleans to Louisville) came in 1815.

Nov. 7. *Battle of Tippecanoe*, W. H. Harrison's (1773-1841) defeat of the northwestern Indians under Tecumseh and the Prophet. The revolt was a culmination of the friction over *problems* which could have no solution so long as the *Indians* remained in a wild state and the frontier continued to advance.

1812-1815. WAR OF 1812. Preparation began with the first meeting of the Twelfth Congress (Nov. 4, 1811), *Henry Clay* (1777-1852), *Speaker*. This Congress marks the passing of an era; the *second generation of statesmen* assumed control and the *influence of the West* began to be definitely felt. The policy of peaceful coercion had failed and the nation demanded results; the "Warhawks" on one side and the pacifists and commercialists on the other. A fundamental factor was the belief in the West that the Indians would continue to oppose progress there as long as England held Canada; *expansion was an underlying motive in the war*, and the easy conquest of Canada was not doubted.

1812, April 8. Louisiana (18th state) admitted, the former Territory of Orleans. In their opposition to the growing power of the West the *New England Federalists* (Josiah Quincy) had, during the debate on the enabling act (1811), *threatened secession*. The occupied portion of West Florida was added to the new state.

June 1. Madison sent in a *war message* which, though directed against England, was equally applicable to France.

June 4. Louisiana Territory changed to Missouri Territory and given the final form of territorial government.

June 18. War declared against Great Britain.

June 23. England *repealed the Orders in Council*, but war was

continued professedly on the *impressment* issue. The military operations exposed the culpable *lack of preparation* and plan of campaign, the futility of depending upon *militia*, the mismanagement of war-time organization and administration, the failure of all plans upon Canada, and the unexpected success of the early sea duels.

1812. The opening campaign from Detroit ended with the surrender of that town (Aug. 16). The refusal of the militia to leave the United States frustrated an advance on Montreal, and a Niagara campaign was made impossible by incompetent generals. *On the sea* the brilliant success of the Americans in four duels taught respect to the British. *Privateers* were active, and though American commerce was driven from the sea, the British also suffered heavily.

Nov. Eighth presidential election returned Madison with 128 votes, and *Elbridge Gerry* (+1814) of Massachusetts as *vice-president* with 131 votes. The Federalists united with factional Republicans in supporting De Witt Clinton and Jared Ingersoll, who received 89 votes.

1813, Feb. 12. A secret act authorized the occupation of the *rest of West Florida* to the Perdido, which was added to Mississippi Territory. The southwestern Indians were also feeling the pressure of the white advance, especially from Georgia. The *Creeks* went on the war-path this summer and *Andrew Jackson* (1767-1845) began his campaign against them. In the North, *Perry's victory on Lake Erie* (Sept. 10) was followed by the British evacuation of Detroit and Harrison's success at the Thames River (Oct. 5, + Tecumseh), which virtually ended the western fighting. The St. Lawrence campaign was again a miserable failure. On the sea success came in only two of the four engagements, and the coast was almost entirely blockaded.

1814. The campaign began with better directed efforts on the Niagara frontier and under competent generals, Jacob Brown, Winfield Scott (1786-1866), and others, but at the close the troops had again returned to their own soil. The British invasion (Prevost) by way of Lake Champlain was frustrated by *Macdonough's naval victory off Plattsburg* (Sept. 11). Northern Maine was occupied by the British. Jackson completed the subjugation of the Creeks.

Aug. 24. *Occupation of Washington* and destruction of the pub-

lic buildings by General Ross and Admiral Cochran, following the flight of American militia from Bladensburg the same day.

Sept. 12-13. Combined naval and military attack on Baltimore failed. +Ross. During it the Star-Spangled Banner was written.

1815, Jan. 8. *Battle of New Orleans*. The British ill-advised frontal attack on *Jackson's* intrenchment was repulsed with great loss. +Pakenham, the British commander. This occurred after peace was signed.

Financial resources during the war were inadequate; loans (\$60,000,000 authorized), treasury notes (\$37,000,000 issued), direct taxes, doubled tariff duties, and excise and duties on various things were all tried. Specie payments were suspended.

1814, Dec. 14-1815, Jan. 15. The **Hartford Convention** of official and unofficial delegates from New England states was the final outcome of the financial and military hindrances to "Mr. Madison's War." It sat in secret, voted approval of the "*interpose*" theory of Madison's Virginia Resolutions, and proposed drastic constitutional amendments to safeguard the commercial interests of New England, check the West, and overthrow the "Virginia dynasty," while hinting at *more radical action*. Whatever influence this seditious movement might have had was forestalled by peace. It marks the final efforts of the perverted Federalist party.

1814, Dec. 24. **Peace of Ghent** signed. In 1812 Russia had offered mediation, and Gallatin and J. A. Bayard had been sent to act as envoys with J. Q. Adams (1767-1848), the minister at St. Petersburg. After exasperating delay England's declination of mediation was made known, and direct negotiations offered. These envoys with Clay and Jon. Russell met the British commissioners on Aug. 8, 1814. The British demanded the northern portion of Maine, control of the Great Lakes, and the conversion of the Northwest into an *Indian buffer state*. A deadlock ensued, until, under the influence of the unsatisfactory conditions at the Congress of Vienna, these demands were withdrawn. The treaty merely provided for peace, restoration of all conquests, and commissioners on disputed boundaries. *Impressment and neutral rights were ignored*, and the right to fish on the British-American coast was not restored.

VII. ASSERTION OF THE WEST, 1815-1842

1815. *Algerine War*. All the Barbary States finally renounced their piratical claims.

July 3. English commercial treaty signed; West Indies trade not opened.

1816, April 10. **Second Bank of the United States** chartered for 20 years (capital \$35,000,000); war experience had reduced opposition. It became a financial power, considered by many a *menace to democracy*. The Supreme Court in 1819 declared it *constitutional* and prohibited state taxation of it.

April 27. *Tariff* of 1816 gave moderate *protection* to woolen and cotton goods from a flood of European imports. There was no sectional opposition.

Nov. Eighth presidential election. Monroe and Tompkins had 163 votes; King, the Federalist, only 34.

Dec. 11. Indiana (19th state) admitted.

1817, March 3. Alabama Territory created.

March 3. *Bonus Bill* to devote the bank bonus and dividends to internal improvements vetoed. The measure was justified under the "*general welfare*" clause, but Madison considered an *amendment necessary*. This bill and the tariff act mark the beginning of the **American system**, or home-market policy, to develop the West through federal aid of *internal improvements*, thus creating a market for the manufactures the *tariff* encouraged while it furnished the means for the improvements. Clay was the chief exponent of the system.

1817, March 4-1825, March 4. **JAMES MONROE** of Virginia, fifth president; *Daniel D. Tompkins* of New York, vice-president; *J. Q. Adams*, secretary of state; *W. H. Crawford*, secretary of the treasury; *J. C. Calhoun*, secretary of war. Monroe's administration marks the disappearance of the original parties. The so-called "*era of good feeling*" meant the lack of political issues crystallized into parties; it was, however, a period of great personal partisanship. His two terms witnessed a rapid extension of the frontier line.

The *West* had always been the *seat of democracy*, and its influence began now to affect the East, for both freer suffrage and, in New England, disestablishment. In the *South* the influence

was less felt. The spread of *cotton culture* (1800, 150,000 bales; 1816, 460,000; 1826, 1,120,000) and *slavery* as a concomitant obliterated the social difference between the coast and interior and strengthened the hold of the *plantation aristocracy*. The slave states in which cotton was not grown began to realize the profit of *slave-breeding* for the lower states; but in this region the *Colonization Society* was also most active. It was a national institution organized (1816) to colonize negroes in Africa and it founded Liberia; but the movement soon ceased to be influential.

1817, April 28. Agreement with England to limit armed vessels on the Great Lakes.

1817-1819. The Seminole War was important chiefly for the political effect. Jackson's prominence made him good presidential timber; an attempt in Congress to censure him (Jan. 1819) for his occupation of East Florida and conduct there only increased his popularity.

1817, Dec. 10. Mississippi (20th state) admitted.

Dec. 23. Last of the internal war taxes abolished.

1818. Cumberland Road opened to the Ohio.

April 18. Navigation Act against British West Indies.

April 20. Iron Tariff Act gave moderate protection to its manufactures.

Oct. 20. Treaty with Great Britain signed. It restored to Americans the *right to fish* on the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador, established the *boundary* between the Lake of the Woods and the Rocky Mountains at 49°, and provided for the *joint occupation of the Oregon country*.

Dec. 3. Illinois (21st state) admitted.

1819. The *financial crisis* of this year was felt especially in the West and South. It fostered southern *opposition to protection* and western opposition to the *Bank*, and increased the call for cheap land and the *protests against the decisions of the Supreme Court*. Besides the bank decision already mentioned, the Court in this period decided that it had a right to review state decisions when the federal constitution and acts under it were concerned; broadened the field of state contractual obligations; declared that states must not interfere with foreign or interstate commerce or tax it; and gave the broadest possible interpretation of "commerce."

Feb. 22. Florida Treaty signed. Spain ceded the Floridas,

established the western boundary of the Louisiana Purchase, and ceded all her claim to the country beyond the Rockies north of 42° . The United States assumed \$5,000,000 in claims.

March 2. Arkansas Territory established.

Dec. 14. Alabama (22d state) admitted.

1820, March 6. **MISSOURI COMPROMISE**. Hitherto there was a balance in the Senate between free and slave states, but when Missouri applied for admission (1819) the House prescribed further exclusion of slaves and gradual emancipation as a condition of statehood (Feb. 18). This was defeated in the Senate. At the next Congress a compromise was effected admitting Missouri as a slave state to balance Maine, but forbidding slavery elsewhere in the Louisiana Purchase north of $36^{\circ} 30'$.

March 15. Maine (23d state) admitted, formerly a part of Massachusetts.

April 24. *Public Land Act* permitted sales as small as eighty acres; minimum price fixed at \$1.25 an acre; but the *credit system abolished*. Thomas H. Benton (1782-1858) led a continued agitation for a graduated price as low as fifty cents an acre, and free settlement on land not sold at that price. The West wished population and the land in private hands, where it would be taxable.

May 15. The slave-trade made piracy a dead letter.

May 15. Four Year Tenure Act limited the term of certain officers unless previously removed. Broadened in scope, it is still in force.

Aug. Fourth census. Land area 1,754,622 square miles, an increase of 3 per cent. Population 9,638,453 (7,866,797 whites, 233,634 free negroes, 1,538,122 slaves), an increase of 33 per cent. The Northwest increased 191 per cent; the Southwest 68 per cent; the trans-Mississippi region 41 per cent.

Nov. Ninth presidential election. Monroe had all the votes but one; Tompkins 218 out of 232.

1821, Aug. 10. Missouri (24th state) finally admitted. The delay was due to her attempt to exclude free negroes.

1822, March 8. *Message on Spanish America*. Since 1817 these colonies had won virtual independence, and been given belligerent rights by the United States. Monroe now proposed recognition.

May 4. Appropriation made for missions to these states. Four were at first recognized, others later.

May 4. *Veto of a Cumberland Road measure.* Monroe declared an amendment necessary for *construction or jurisdiction* over internal improvements, while acknowledging that Congress had broad rights in making *appropriations* for common defense and general welfare.

1823, Feb. 28. Act to appropriate money to repair the road signed.

1823, Dec. 2. **MONROE DOCTRINE** announced in the annual message. The Holy Alliance in Europe, formed to keep down liberal movements, threatened to assist Spain in subduing her revolted American colonies. In 1821 Russian claims on the northeastern Pacific coast (Alaska) had been unwarrantably extended. The Doctrine, of which Adams was the immediate author, declared that the "American continents . . . are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers," that any attempt to extend the European system to the western hemisphere would be considered as dangerous to the United States, and that any interposition to oppress or control the Latin-American nations would be considered unfriendly to the United States. In 1823 and 1824 Russia in treaties with England and the United States renounced all claims south of $54^{\circ} 40'$, which came to be considered as the northern *boundary of the Oregon country* as 42° was its southern and the continental watershed its western lines.

1824, April 30. General Survey Act authorized the preparation of a program of internal improvements of national importance.

May 24. First river and harbor acts, though earlier laws had authorized surveys and shelters.

May 24. *Tariff Act of 1824*; Clay's protective measure, opposed by New England commercial interests and the slave states.

Nov. *Tenth presidential election.* Adams, Calhoun, Clay, Crawford, and Jackson were candidates; Crawford the *congressional caucus* nominee, but this method was now unpopular and outgrown. Calhoun became the generally accepted candidate for vice-president, receiving 182 votes out of 261. The people voted for electors in 18 of the 24 states. Jackson

received a plurality of popular votes, but only 99 electoral votes, Adams 84, Crawford 41, and Clay 37. In the House election Clay's adherents supported Adams, who received 13 votes, Jackson 7, and Crawford 4.

1825, March 3. First of several federal subscriptions to the stock of canals.

March 3. Act to *continue the Cumberland Road* from Wheeling to Zanesville. Later it was projected through to St. Louis but completed only into Illinois. With the reaction against internal improvements and the growth of railroads, the road went to decay and was finally surrendered to the states through which it passed.

1825, March 4 – 1829, March, 4. **JOHN QUINCY ADAMS** of Massachusetts, sixth president; *John C. Calhoun* of South Carolina, vice-president; *Henry Clay*, secretary of state. Clay's acceptance of the office gave rise to the cry of "*corrupt bargain*," which Jackson wrathfully believed.

1825, Oct. Opening of the **Erie Canal**. Its influence on the growth of the West and of New York City was enormous; its completion and success increased the furore for internal improvements. Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia planned *rival systems of connection with western waters*; the canal between Philadelphia and Pittsburg went into operation in 1831, the other projects were never completed. Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois completed canals (1833–1851) *connecting the Great Lakes with the Ohio and the Mississippi*, and received *land grants* from Congress in aid. These systems were not financially successful, and were soon superseded by the railroads. By 1860 over 4800 miles of canals and slack-water navigation had been constructed at a cost of \$210,000,000; by 1880, 2000 miles of these had been abandoned.

1826. Panama Congress called by the Spanish-American states. Adams and Clay favored assumption of leadership and participation in this Congress, and the mission was finally sanctioned by the federal legislature, in spite of great opposition but the Congress was a failure.

1827, Nov. 15. Final Creek cession in Georgia. Gov. *Troup threatened civil war* if the federal government prevented him from taking possession of the Creek lands under a treaty (1825) which Adams had repudiated because obtained by fraud.

The crisis was prevented by this final cession.

1828, May 19. **Tariff of 1828**, called "Tariff of Abominations," strongly protective but discriminating against New England products; devised to make Adams bear the blame of its defeat; but Adams men voted for it, and he signed it. The South was greatly aroused; Calhoun wrote his **Exposition**, declaring that the burden of the tariff fell wholly on the South. He asserted the *sole sovereignty of the states*, the *compact theory*, and revived the "*interpose*" right of the Virginia and Kentucky resolutions.

Nov. Eleventh presidential election resulted in an easy victory for Jackson (178 votes) and Calhoun (171) over Adams and Richard Rush (83).

1829, March 4-1837, March 4. **ANDREW JACKSON** of Tennessee, seventh president; *John C. Calhoun*, vice-president (resigned 1832); *Martin Van Buren* (1782-1862), later *Edward Livingston*, *John Forsyth*, secretary of state. Jackson was the best specimen in American history of that *frontier spirit which derides the need of training* or special knowledge for the administration of government; his rule introduced the *spoils system* and "clean sweep" into the civic service, which continued unchecked until 1883.

1830, Jan. **Great constitutional debate** in the Senate between *Daniel Webster* (1782-1852) of Massachusetts and *Robert Y. Hayne* of South Carolina. Webster's speech is one of the great expositions of the nationalistic theory. Hayne's state-rights arguments were more *historically correct*; but Webster's were in harmony with the *national evolution*, in which the South was not sharing.

May 27. **Mayville Road Bill** vetoed. Jackson without apparent system vetoed or pocketed other such bills and put a final *check to federal aid of canals and roads*, but not to other improvements.

May 28. **Indian Removal Act** formulated Jackson's policy of trans-Mississippi removal, and he carried it out vigorously, although not without resistance from the Indians, as in the **Black Hawk War** of Illinois in 1832. When his administration closed, almost all the lands east of the Mississippi had been ceded; reservations for the removed Indians, protection, and funds held in trust were features of the policy. The most important phase of this removal was the *Georgia-Cherokee contest*. The Indians appealed to the Supreme Court when the

state asserted her jurisdiction over the lands. Marshall declared (1831) that *Indian affairs* were an *exclusive right of the federal government*, and the Cherokees "a nation" outside the authority of the state. But the Court was impotent to enforce the decree, which Georgia defied and Jackson ignored, and the Indians were finally coerced into a treaty of cession (Dec. 29, 1835). To the Cherokees, Creeks, Seminoles, Choctaws, and Chickasaws (known as the Five Civilized Tribes) was assigned part of the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma.

June. Fifth census. Population 12,866,020 (10,537,378 whites, 319,599 free negroes, 2,009,043 slaves), an increase of 34 per cent. The Northwest increased 85 per cent; the Southwest 53 per cent; the trans-Mississippi country 183 per cent.

Aug. First successful application in the United States of **steam transportation to railroads**. Such lines now developed rapidly; the 25 miles in operation in 1830 became 95 the next year, 1098 in 1835, and 2818 in 1840.

Oct. 5. Proclamation declaring the repeal of the Navigation Act of 1818, England having opened the West Indies to American vessels.

1831, Jan. 1. First issue of the **Liberator**, the Abolitionist paper of *W. L. Garrison* (1805-1879).

1832, July 10. Veto of the **Bank Recharter Bill**, because the institution was unconstitutional and "dangerous to the liberties of the people," and the contrary opinion of the Supreme Court "ought not to control the coördinate" federal authorities. Recharter became an issue of the presidential election.

July 14. *Tariff Act of 1832* reduced the revenue but made little change in the protection, and South Carolina prepared to put the Calhoun doctrine into operation.

Nov. Twelfth presidential election gave Jackson and Martin Van Buren 189 votes; Clay and John Sergeant, the National Republican (later Whig) candidates, had 49. South Carolina continued alone until the Civil War the legislative choice of electors.

Nov. 24. **South Carolina Nullification Ordinance**. It declared the new tariff "null, void and no law, nor binding upon this State." No other state supported nullification.

Dec. 10. Jackson's proclamation to the people of South Caro-

lina; an appeal and a warning against the act of "unhallowed disunion."

Dec. 28. Calhoun resigned the vice-presidency. Becoming a senator, he was the most prominent advocate of state-rights and slavery, and joined Clay and Webster (the *Triumvirate*) in opposition to Jackson.

1833, March 2. Clay's *Compromise Tariff* and the *Force Bill* enacted. The former provided for a gradual reduction to all duties over 20 per cent until they reached that level in 1842. The other gave the president power to suppress opposition to federal laws within any state.

March 3. Clay's *Distribution Bill* pocketed. This provided for the distribution among the states of the net revenue from public lands.

March 15. Nullification Ordinance rescinded.

Oct. 1. Removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States by Jackson, who considered the election of 1832 as an endorsement of his policy and the bank to be unsound. The state banks to which deposits were entrusted were called *Pet Banks*, and the measure promoted speculation.

Dec. 4. Organization of the American Anti-Slavery Society.

1834, Mar. 28. Senate resolutions censuring Jackson for removing the deposits. Jackson replied (April 15) with a protest which the Senate refused to enter on its journal.

June 28. Monetary Act, reducing the weight of the gold dollar and establishing the ratio of 16 to 1. This virtually demonetized the silver dollar.

June 28. Michigan Territory enlarged to include some trans-Mississippi country.

1835, Jan. The national debt being extinguished the question of the disposal of the surplus revenue became acute.

1836, March 2. *Texan Declaration of Independence*. The country had been settled under Mexican grants by Americans who now revolted. The constitution permitted *slavery*. Independence was made de facto at the battle of San Jacinto (April 21); annexation to the United States was asked, but only recognition was given then. The opposition was to the increase of slave territory, but the spirit of expansion (*manifest destiny*) rather than pro-slavery was the foundation of the desire for Texas.

March 15. Roger B. Taney (1777-1864) succeeded Marshall as chief justice. Under him the Court reacted in favor of stricter construction.

April 20. Wisconsin Territory established; all of Michigan Territory west of present state of Michigan.

May 26. First *Gag Resolution* adopted by the House of Representatives to prevent the presentation of petitions on slavery. It was renewed from time to time until 1844.

June 15. Arkansas (25th state) admitted.

June 23. *Act to distribute the surplus* directed that most of the revenue on hand Jan. 1, 1837, should be deposited in four payments with the states according to their representative ratio. No one expected it to be returned. \$28,000,000 was distributed in three installments and put to various uses.

July 11. Specie Circular issued; an executive order forbidding payment in bank notes for public land. No state bank notes had general circulation, many were far below face value; and as the Democrats were opposed to national bank notes they sought to force the use of coin.

Nov. Thirteenth presidential election. Van Buren and Johnson, the candidates of the Jackson party, now known as Democratic, had 170 and 147 votes out of 294. The opposition vote was split. Johnson was elected vice-president by the Senate.

1837, Jan. 16. The censure of Jackson expunged by the Senate.

1837, March 4-1841, March 4. **MARTIN VAN BUREN** of New York, eighth president; *Richard M. Johnson* of Kentucky, vice-president; John Forsyth secretary of state. Van Buren merely continued Jackson's policies.

1837, Mar. 28. Missouri enlarged to its present limits.

May 10. **Panic** began. The "flush times" had culminated in 1835 and 1836 in a period of extraordinary speculation. The recurrence of such a period followed by a crash about once in each twenty years has been a feature of American history.

Oct. 2. Fourth deposit of the surplus suspended by Congress, which had met in special session.

Oct. 12. Treasury notes authorized to \$10,000,000.

1838, June 12. Iowa Territory created; all of Wisconsin Territory west of the Mississippi.

1840, June. Sixth census. Population 17,069,453 (14,195,805

whites, 386,293 free negroes, 2,487,355 slaves), an increase of 33 per cent. The Northwest increased 99 per cent; the Southwest 42 per cent, and thereafter this section did not increase as fast as the nation as a whole; the trans-Mississippi region 127 per cent.

July 4. **Independent Treasury**; all public moneys to be deposited at the Treasury, or in sub-treasuries directly under the control of federal officials, and all *government transactions* to be in coin.

Nov. *Fourteenth presidential election*. Van Buren and Johnson were renominated by a *national convention, now first used by both parties*. The Democrats also issued a formal *platform*. The Whig convention nominated W. H. Harrison and John Tyler (1790-1862), issued no platform but carried on a *campaign of enthusiasm*. Harrison had 234 votes, Van Buren 60, Johnson only 48 for vice-president.

1841, March 4-April 4. WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON of Ohio, ninth president; *John Tyler*, vice-president; *Daniel Webster* secretary of state. The Whigs also controlled the Congress, and Harrison called an extra session to put through *Clay's programme*.

1841, April 6-1845, March 4. JOHN TYLER of Virginia tenth president, succeeding on the death of Harrison. He was anti-Jackson rather than Whig.

May 31. Congress met in special session.

July 21, 1842, Jan. 31. Loans of \$17,000,000 authorized.

1841, Aug. 13. Independent Treasury repealed.

Aug. 16. **Veto of the Fiscal Bank Bill** on constitutional grounds.

Aug. 19. Federal Bankruptcy Act; repealed March 3, 1843.

Sept. 4. **Public Land Distribution and Preëmption Act**. The distribution feature was like that of the earlier vetoed bill, but was not to operate when any impost was higher than 20 per cent. The general right of preëmption at \$1.25 per acre, limited to actual settlers, led to much fraud but remained a law for 50 years.

Sept. 9. *Second fiscal veto*, though the Whig leaders claimed that Tyler had earlier agreed to the bill. All of the *cabinet* except Webster now *resigned*.

June 29. Aug. 9. *Tariff vetoes* because the bills, while raising the duty above 20 per cent, directed the carrying out of the distribution of public-land proceeds.

Aug. 9. **Ashburton Treaty** signed with England. The north-eastern boundary controversy had become critical, but the *compromise line* definitely fixed by this treaty followed closely that awarded by the King of the Netherlands as arbitrator (1831), though then disregarded.

Aug. 30. *Tariff of 1842*. This, like the last vetoed act, virtually restored the 1832 duties, but was without the distribution feature. Tyler had destroyed Clay's programme, and the Democrats controlled the next House.

VIII. EXPANSION AND SLAVERY, 1843-1860

1840-1860. **Immigration** became important after 1840; between 1820 and 1860, 5,000,000 arrived; 30 per cent were German, 37 per cent Irish, 15 per cent English. Few foreigners settled in the South. The *internal migration* was large; in 1860 a fourth of the native born were not living in the state of birth. Most of the *great centers* of population were established before the Civil War; New York leading, while Baltimore and Philadelphia were near rivals for second place, with Boston close behind. New Orleans was the only considerable southern city. In the West Cincinnati, the earliest of the cities, remained the largest, but both St. Louis and Chicago passed it before 1870. In all of them growth outstripped administration; mob violence and misrule were common. The population as a whole was still distinctly *rural*; only 16 per cent lived in the 150 towns of over 8,000 inhabitants.

Elementary education in the North was greatly improved. Free public school systems were generally established though of varying efficiency. In the West all of the states and territories were given federal land grants for schools, and also for colleges. Public secondary education was still experimental but some of the private academies were excellent. The training of teachers in normal schools raised the character of the profession. The attempts at public school systems in the South were not successful. Colleges were numerous, many of them inefficient sectarian ones; the primacy of the earlier colonial establishments remained, but the University of Virginia, established by Jefferson in 1825, became the chief center of

southern higher education. State universities rose in the West, that of Michigan, opened in 1841, being the first prominent one. Professional training had its schools, but higher technical training received little recognition.

In religion certain phases were marked; the rise of the Catholic Church and opposition to it; development of liberal faiths, especially Unitarianism; foreign missions; split of some of the churches on the slavery question; the continued primitive character of frontier religion; the deeply religious sense of the nation as a whole but a decrease in the predominating influence of the clergy. A national literature was developed by Irving, Cooper, Bryant, Emerson, Longfellow, Whittier, Lowell, Holmes, Hawthorne, and Poe; Webster, Channing, Clay, and Breckinridge did a like service for oratory; and the "lyceum" carried verbal entertainment and instruction throughout the North and West. Libraries became numerous. There were valuable commercial magazines. Various literary magazines enjoyed an ephemeral existence but, until *Harper's* and the *Atlantic* were started in 1850 and 1857, the *Southern Literary Messenger* of Richmond was most notable. Newspapers became great political organs; the New York *Tribune*, founded in 1841 by Horace Greeley (1811-1872), was the most influential of the Whig (later Republican) papers.

Social reform was a feature of the period. Imprisonment for debt was prohibited in western constitutions and in the older states abolition of it began as early as 1817. Prison systems were revised; solitary confinement was considered a great advance, though later superseded by the industrial system; and reform schools began to separate children from criminals of mature years. Better care of the insane and defectives resulted from the activity of Dorothea Dix and others. Temperance and prohibition movements started in 1817 and reached their highest points of this period in state-wide prohibition in Maine (1851). Woman's rights began with legal demands but after 1848 took an interest in suffrage. Socialistic movements and the formation of communities, such as New Harmony, Zoar, and Brook Farm, characterized the period. The rise of Mormonism was a phase of this; its creed being especially attractive to immigrants.

In medicine the chief advance was in the use of anesthetics and the discarding of bleeding; but hospitals, both public and

private, became a well-known institution. The interest in out-of-door life was slight; attention was paid to restoration of health rather than preservation of it. Malaria was persistent, especially in the newer settlements; and there were great epidemics such as those of cholera in 1832 and yellow fever in the South in 1853. In the large cities, however, sewerage and water-supply systems were constructed.

Economic development was the foundation of this social progress. Industrial advance, increase and concentration of wealth and organization, and the development of the factory system led naturally in a democracy to *labor* questions. Demands for the regulation of hours of labor, apprentices, and woman and child labor were strengthened by unions and political pressure, such as the Loco-foco party in New York (1836). **Agriculture** continued to be the chief economic basis of American life. Scientific farming had not yet developed; rotation of crops and fertilization were not employed, for land was cheap and labor scarce. Inventions had begun, however, to lighten the farmer's tasks; plows were improved, but the greatest aid came from McCormick's *reaper* and binder, first constructed in 1831, and threshing machinery. Corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, and hay were the most important products; in the South, tobacco, rice, and some sugar cane followed cotton. Slaughtering became with the increase of transportation facilities a special industry; Cincinnati was the first pork-packing center. **Mining** coal and iron became a great industry, especially in Pennsylvania. Anthracite coal was an important manufacturing fuel by 1820, and for blast furnaces about 1838; later bituminous coal was utilized and coke a general fuel for smeltings after 1860. Lead and copper were also mined but did not become important industries until after the Civil War. Gold was found in the southern Appalachians, but the production was negligible until the discovery in California in 1848, after which its influence upon prices and currency was great. Silver was a by-product of the California mines; but it was the discovery of the great veins in Nevada in 1859 that made the question of bimetallism important.

Cotton and wool were the textile **manufactures** that built up the factory system and a chain of towns along the "fall line" of the Atlantic slope. Pittsburg was the center of the iron industry. Inventive genius, fostered by the patent sys-

tem, aided in the development of industries: Goodyear's india-rubber (1844), Howe's sewing machine (1846), Hoe's rotary printing press (1847), Bigelow's carpet loom (1842), planing machinery, boot and shoe machinery, improved firearms, and heating and cooking stoves are examples. The manufactures were mainly for domestic consumption; less than a tenth of the cotton manufactures were exported in 1860.

The early history of **transportation** has been shown through the legislation already noticed. Railroads, displacing both canals and turnpikes, increased in mileage rapidly; the 2818 miles in 1840 became 9021 in 1850, and 30,626 in 1860. Some of the earlier roads were state built and operated; but by the end of this period except for a few lines in the South all the roads were in private hands. States and localities helped liberally in the construction, and so did the federal government by land grants. At first the roads were in short stretches; but after the main routes were thus covered the process of uniting the small roads into trunk lines began. By 1853 Chicago was connected with the Atlantic coast, and St. Louis directly by 1857, by which time there was an all but continuous line between Boston and Savannah. The Northwest was already a network of routes, and by 1860 Chicago was connected with New Orleans and Mobile. In the South the one complete western line ran from Richmond to Memphis; other lines connected with it at Chattanooga and it crossed the New Orleans and Mobile lines. Service on all the lines was irregular, the road-beds and equipments poor, and accidents frequent.

Transportation of intelligence through the *post-office* was facilitated by the railroads, which also made possible the introduction of the package *express* in 1839. Postage was high and popular demand caused a reduction in 1845 and in 1851, when for ordinary distances the rate was made 3 cents, while stamps were adopted in 1847. In 1843 Congress appropriated money to test Morse's electric *telegraph*; the first line, between Baltimore and Washington was put in successful operation the next year, and the system spread rapidly.

In **foreign commerce** the American tonnage continued to hold first place, in 1860 it was 70 per cent of the whole; but the carrying trade was yielding to railroads as an investment. In the American *clipper ship* sail navigation reached its highest development, and the merchant marine continued mainly one

of sailing ships; in 1860 only 16 per cent were steamships and 90 per cent of these were engaged in the coasting, river, and lake trade. Steam liners made trans-Atlantic voyages, but these were mostly in foreign hands. More than half of the exports were raw cotton, foodstuffs came next, while at no time did finished manufactures form as much as 15 per cent of the domestic exports. After 1850 the imports of merchandise almost always exceeded the exports; but the difference was not large and the export of specie was a normal phase.

It became increasingly evident that the South was not keeping up with the rest of the nation in these social and economic aspects, and in spite of her evident desire to be "let alone" inquiry into the reasons for it was a natural phase of the intellectual unrest. Criticism bred defense and from deprecating *slavery* the section passed finally to upholding it as a positive good. *Anti-slavery* sentiment had existed since the beginning of the nation; as it died out in the South it found new vigor in the North. Sectional anti-slavery really began with Garrison in the *Liberator* (1831). Putting aside all palliatives and constitutional questions he demanded immediate and complete **abolition**, and forced his plea upon public attention. What he and the other radical abolitionists did was to awaken the North to the moral evils of slavery; attempts to suppress the movement at southern behest only advertised the crusade and brought converts. Garrison and his immediate followers held aloof from political agitation; but other groups attempted practical results which could be, as they claimed, accomplished under the Constitution. These were the prevention of further extension of slavery, the repeal of the fugitive-slave law, emancipation in the District of Columbia and the territories, and the suppression or regulation of the slave-trade between the states.

The far-western development began with the *fur-traders*, who penetrated beyond the Rockies and to the Pacific Coast. The federal government sent out various *expeditions*; the most important were by *Frémont*, who explored the Rockies, the Great Basin, Oregon, and California (1842-1846). Missionaries followed the traders into Oregon, and trade was opened with New Mexico. Two routes developed, the *Santa Fé Trail* on the south from Independence, Mo. (about 1825) and the *Oregon Trail* on the north from Council Bluffs (about 1832). The *Indians* were being steadily *pushed westward* and on to reserva-

tions. Various attempts had been made to put an end to *joint occupation* in the *Oregon* country, but both British and Americans were settled in the southern portion and each nation wished to control the Columbia River. The union of the Texan and Oregon questions was natural; both were desired and they constituted a sectional give and take.

1844, April 12. *Texan Annexation Treaty* signed by *Calhoun* who had just become secretary of state. Texas had opened negotiations with England and France, and the South feared this might result in abolition.

June 8. *Treaty rejected by the Senate* 16 to 35, a party division mainly.

July 3. Commercial treaty with China signed, permitting Americans to trade and reside at the open ports.

Nov. *Fifteenth presidential election*. Along with *Oregon*, *Texas* became an *issue* in the campaign. Both Clay and Van Buren had declared against the annexation of Texas and the Democrats turned down the latter in favor of J. K. Polk (1795-1849), an avowed annexationist. Their platform demanded the whole of Oregon ("54-40 or fight") and the "reannexation" of Texas. Clay and Theodore Frelinghuysen were the Whig nominees; the platform did not mention Texas or Oregon, and during the campaign Clay equivocated on Texas and lost votes in both sections. The Liberty party of political anti-slavery men polled only 2 per cent of the popular vote but probably defeated Clay in New York and so cost him the election. Polk received 170 votes; Clay 105.

1845, March 1. **Texas annexed by resolution of Congress.**

The vote in the Senate (27 to 25) and in the House (132 to 76) was almost entirely on party lines, the Whigs opposing. The resolution offered Texas annexation as a state to retain her public lands and debt, and be permitted to divide thereafter when sufficiently populous into five states. Slavery in such states north of 36° 30' was forbidden.

March 3. Florida (27th state) admitted.

1845, March 4-1849, March 4. **JAMES KNOX POLK** of Tennessee, eleventh president; *George M. Dallas* of Pennsylvania, vice-president; James Buchanan (1791-1868), secretary of state.

1845. Annapolis Naval Academy opened.

Dec. 29. Texas (28th state) admitted. *Mexico*, still claiming

Texas, had *severed diplomatic relations* and threatened war with the United States. *Texas* was annexed without definite *boundaries*, but the United States adopted the extreme claim of the new state and General Zachary *Taylor* (1784-1850) was ordered to occupy the *east bank of the Rio Grande*. Claims against Mexico had been a cause of irritation for years, and Polk sent John Slidell on a special mission with an *offer* to assume the claims and pay an additional sum for the Texan boundary, *New Mexico* and *California*, believing, probably without cause, that England had designs against the latter.

Mexico rejected the mission (March 15, 1846).

1846, April 24. **MEXICAN WAR** began with a skirmish on the east side of the Rio Grande.

April 27. Resolution of Congress gave notice of the termination of joint occupation of Oregon.

May 11. *War message* sent in. Polk declared that "war exists . . . by the act of Mexico herself."

May 13. Congress passed an act recognizing the existence of war by the act of Mexico and authorizing 50,000 volunteers. Militia was not called out during this war.

June 10. Polk took the unusual action of asking previous advice of the Senate on an *offer of England on the Oregon question*, and announced his intention to follow the advice given. This offer was 49° and the Strait of Juan de Fuca as the boundary, a compromise proposed by the United States in earlier administrations. Polk did this because he still clung to the whole of Oregon, but hesitated to make it an issue of war without being certain of his support, especially with the Mexican War already on hand. Now that Texas had been gained the *southern Democrats* were willing to forget that the *whole of Oregon* was a part of their understanding with the *northwestern men*. The Senate advised acceptance by 32 to 12; the negatives were by northern Democrats and one southern Whig.

June 15. **Oregon treaty** with England signed, embodying the above terms.

1846, May-1847, Feb. *Taylor's campaign* into northern Mexico resulted in the occupation of Monterey (Sept. 24) and the brilliant victory over a greatly superior force at *Buena Vista* (Feb. 23), which made him the hero of the war.

1846, June-1847, Jan. *S. W. Kearny* conquered *New Mexico*

and marched to San Diego, where he joined forces with Commodore Stockton and finished the subjugation of *California*.

1846, July 30. *Tariff Act of 1846*, a Democratic revenue measure which placed a high duty on luxuries only.

Aug. 3. *Veto of a river and harbor bill*. The measure carried large amounts for internal improvements and was part of the tariff agreement between the southern and northwestern Democrats. The veto on constitutional grounds increased the *dissatisfaction felt in the Northwest* over the Oregon matter.

Aug. 6. *Independent Treasury* reëstablished and still in modified force.

Aug. 8. **Wilmot Proviso**, that *slavery should never exist in any territory acquired from Mexico*, a measure *originated by northwestern Democrats*, passed the House. For the next three years political questions revolved around this proviso, several times reaffirmed by the House, but always rejected by the Senate. Compromises were offered, such as the extension of the 36° 30' line to the Pacific, submission of the question to the Supreme Court (Clayton Compromise), and leaving the question to the decision of the inhabitants (popular sovereignty), but no agreement was reached. The *sections* were becoming *solidified* on the question, the South especially, where the right to take slaves into the new territories was supported by threats of secession. Polk would have vetoed the proviso had it ever reached him.

Dec. 12. *Treaty with Colombia* (New Granada) signed; the right of free transit across the Isthmus of Panama was guaranteed to American citizens and the United States agreed to protect the neutrality of the Isthmus and Colombian sovereignty over it.

Dec. 28. Iowa (29th state) admitted.

1847. **Winfield Scott's campaign** in Mexico began with the landing of his force before Vera Cruz (March 9) and ended with the occupation of the capital (Sept. 14).

1848, Feb. 2. **Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo**. Mexico ceded the territory north of the Rio Grande and the southern line of New Mexico to the Pacific Ocean. In return the United States assumed claims (about \$5,000,000) and paid Mexico \$15,000,000. *Funds for the war* had been raised through treasury notes and loans. No special taxes were laid. The public

debt which was \$15,500,000, in 1846 had risen to \$68,000,000 in 1851. 27,000 regulars and 74,000 volunteers took part in the war; 13,000 were killed.

Jan. 24. **Discovery of gold in California.** As the news spread there was a rush to the mines from all over the world (Forty-niners). The population increased with such rapidity that the *need of civil government* there became more and more urgent.

May 29. Wisconsin (30th state) admitted. For the last time the *sectional balance in the Senate* was restored.

Aug. 14. *Oregon Territory* created, *slavery* being *prohibited*.

Nov. 7. *Sixteenth presidential election.* The Whigs nominated Gen. Taylor (who had no political affiliations) and Millard Fillmore (1800–1874) and framed no platform. The Democrats nominated Lewis Cass (1782–1866) as a northern man acceptable to the South (“Dough face”) and W. O. Butler. The platform was silent on slavery. The Liberty (*Freesoil*) party united with a faction of Democrats composed chiefly of New York men (“Barnburners”) in nominating Van Buren and C. F. Adams (1807–1886): “Free Soil, Free Speech, Free Labor, and Free Men.” The Barnburners probably defeated Cass in New York and cost him the election. Taylor had 163 electoral votes, Cass 127.

1849. March 3. Department of the Interior created; a cabinet office. To it was assigned patents, pensions, Indian and public land affairs.

March 3. Minnesota Territory established; slavery was automatically prohibited by the Northwest Ordinances and Missouri Compromise.

1849, March 4–1850, July 9. **ZACHARY TAYLOR** of Louisiana twelfth president; *Millard Fillmore*, vice-president; J. M. Clayton, secretary of state.

Sept. *California* adopted a *free-state constitution* and asked admission without preliminary territorial government.

1850, Jan 29. **COMPROMISE OF 1850** introduced in the Senate by Clay. The seven months of debate which followed marks the passing of the second generation of *statesmen*, especially Clay, Calhoun, Webster, and Benton, and the coming forward of the *third generation*, of whom S. P. Chase (1808–1873), W. H. Seward (1801–1872), S. A. Douglas (1813–1861), Jefferson Davis (1808–1889), A. H. Stephens (1812–

1883), and Thaddeus Stevens (1793-1868) were members of this Congress.

April 19. *Clayton-Bulwer Treaty* signed, by which the United States and England agreed to a *joint control* and guarantee of neutrality of any *canal* or line of transit across the *Isthmus*, and also agreed not to occupy or colonize the region. The United States had become alarmed by the growing influence of England in Central America. The treaty was followed by a long controversy over its interpretation, and later by attempts to ignore and abrogate it.

June. Seventh census. Land area 2,943,142 square miles, an increase of 68 per cent (including Oregon as new territory). Population 23,191,876 (19,553,068 whites, 434,495 free negroes, 3,204,313 slaves, 2,244,602 foreign born), an increase of 36 per cent. The Northwest increased 55 per cent; the trans-Mississippi slave-states 95 per cent; the free-state trans-Mississippi region 360 per cent; the mountain and Pacific regions had 105,891.

1850, July 10-1853, March 4. MILLARD FILLMORE of New York, thirteenth president; Daniel Webster (later Edward Everett), secretary of state. Taylor (+July 9) had opposed the compromise, Fillmore approved of it. The various measures of it were finally enacted as separate acts by different combinations of votes, as follows:

Sept. 9. (a) *Texas* limited to her present *boundaries* and given \$10,000,000 for her claim to New Mexico. *New Mexico* organized as a *territory*, without reference to slavery during her territorial condition, but, when ready for statehood, to be admitted *with or without slavery*, as her constitution prescribed.

It included present Arizona.

Sept. 9. (b) *California* (31st state) admitted as a *free-state*.

Sept. 9. (c) *Utah Territory* organized like New Mexico. Her boundaries included Nevada and part of Colorado.

Sept. 16 (d) **Fugitive-Slave Act**; a drastic law permitting the federal commissioners to dispose of the cases in a "summary manner" with the burden of proof on the fugitive.

Sept. 20. (e) Slave-trade abolished in the District of Columbia.

Sept. 20. First land grant to states in aid of a railroad; three alternate sections on each side of the line per mile. Such grants were frequent during the decade.

Sept. 28. Swamp Land Act donated to any state the federal swamp or overflowed land within it.

1851-1860. Finality was an important phase of the compromise, and the leaders in both sections endeavored to suppress all agitation, especially did the South feel that in the compromise she had gone to the limit of concession; but **opposition to the Fugitive-Slave Law** developed at once. Not only were fugitives assisted in escaping across the northern states to Canada (Underground Railroad) and violent rescues made, but northern states passed *personal liberty laws* which forbade state authorities to assist in the enforcement of the act and authorized habeas corpus proceedings and jury trial in behalf of fugitives.

1852. Publication of Mrs. Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, a novel emphasizing the harsh features of slavery, which had a tremendous influence in forming northern public opinion.

Nov. 2. Seventeenth presidential election. This campaign marks the virtual *end of the Whig party* — hopelessly split on the slavery question, protection and the bank overthrown, and internal improvements no longer a partisan question. Gen. Scott and W. A. Graham were the candidates. The reunited Democrats nominated Franklin Pierce (1804-1869), whose availability was due to his lack of prominence, and W. R. King. Both parties upheld the finality of the compromise. The Free-Soil party polled scarcely half of its previous vote. Pierce had 254 electoral votes, Scott 42.

1853, March 2. Washington Territory established over the northern part of Oregon country; when Oregon was admitted Washington was extended over the remnant.

1853, March 4-1857, March 4. **FRANKLIN PIERCE** of New Hampshire, fourteenth president; William R. King (+1853) of Alabama, vice-president; W. L. Marcy, secretary of state; *Jefferson Davis*, secretary of war. Davis was most influential with Pierce, whose southern leanings were marked. The South desired **Cuba**, the compromise being silent on the question of further annexations, and Pierce made efforts to obtain it. In the seizure of the *Black Warrior* by the island authorities (Feb. 28, 1854) an excuse for putting pressure on Spain was found; but the Kansas-Nebraska agitation put a stop to the movement, but not until the *Ostend Manifesto*, issued by three American ministers to European courts (Oct.

18), had declared that if Spain refused to sell Cuba self-preservation (fear of abolition there) would justify the United States in seizing it.

Dec. 30. **Gadsden Purchase** from Mexico. The United States paid \$10,000,000, for the southern portion of present New Mexico and Arizona; one of the routes for the proposed Pacific Railway passed over this land. Provisions respecting Tehuantepec transit were included.

1854, March 31. M. C. Perry's *treaty with Japan* signed, breaking down Japan's policy of isolation. Two ports were opened to American commerce. In 1857 and 1858 treaties opened other ports, gave the right of residence at them, permitted missionaries and established diplomatic intercourse.

1854, May 10. **KANSAS-NEBRASKA ACT** formed two territories out of the unorganized portion of the Louisiana Purchase north of 37°, divided by the 40th parallel; *repealed the Missouri Compromise*; and directed that the question of slavery should be decided by the inhabitants (*popular sovereignty*). The author, S. A. Douglas of Illinois, being indifferent to slavery and politically ambitious, sought in this way to attract southern votes to his plan to develop a region which would aid his section economically. The measure caused *intense excitement* in the North.

June 5. *Canadian Reciprocity Treaty* signed. Canada had attempted to restrict American fishing rights under the treaty of 1818, and now for their continuation and extension over other Canadian coasts reciprocal freedom from duty was granted to foodstuffs, lumber, ores, and other raw materials.

Aug. 4. *Graduated Land Act* reduced the price of land on the market for 10 years or more, until at 30 years it sold for 12½ cents an acre. Repealed, June 2, 1862.

Sept. Draft treaty for the annexation of Hawaii. It was not sent to the Senate.

Sept.-Nov. The election this year brought Anti-Nebraskans (later Republicans) and Native Americans or *Know-nothings* into the field against the old parties. The Know-nothing party originated in anti foreign and anti-Catholic secret societies and was seized upon by politicians for purposes remote from its particular creed.

1854-1856. **Kansas War.** Settlers from both sections rushed to the new territory, Nebraska being neglected in favor of Kansas. *Pro-slavery men* from Missouri, being nearest, precipitately and with much fraudulent voting ("Border Ruffians") organized the territorial government. *Free-state settlers*, especially aided by the New England Emigrant Aid Society followed, founded Lawrence, and set up a separate government. Clashes between the two parties began; Lawrence was twice attacked, while the free-state men retaliated, especially in *John Brown's Pottawatomie Massacre*, and the country was infested with rival guerrilla bands. "Bleeding Kansas" became the main national topic.

1855, Dec. 3. First meeting of the 34th Congress, but the contest for Speaker lasted until Feb. 2, when an Anti-Nebraska Know-nothing was chosen. Kansas was the all-absorbing topic of the session; the Toombs Bill, a fair-minded southern measure for settling the question, did not receive Republican support.

1856, May 22. Assault on Senator Charles Sumner (1811-1874) by Preston Brooks of South Carolina, following Sumner's biting speech on the "Crime against Kansas." The affair had great influence on the political campaign.

Nov. 4. *Eighteenth presidential election.* The Democrats nominated Buchanan and Breckinridge; their platform denounced the Native American movement, upheld the popular sovereignty principle of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, and hinted at the annexation of Cuba. The Republicans nominated J. C. Frémont and W. L. Dayton. Frémont's only qualification was popularity and lack of connection with any one of the elements which made up the party. The platform denied the right of Congress to give legal existence to slavery in the territories, and denounced the Ostend Manifesto. The Know-nothings and remnant of Whigs nominated Fillmore. Buchanan received 174 votes, carrying only five free states; Frémont 114; Fillmore 8.

1857, March 3. Tariff of 1857 followed the line of the 1846 act, but made further reductions in order to diminish the surplus revenue.

1857, March 4-1861, March 4. **JAMES BUCHANAN** of Pennsylvania, fifteenth president; John C. Breckinridge of Kentucky, vice-president; Lewis Cass, secretary of state.

1857, March 6. *Dred Scott* decision delivered by Taney in the Supreme Court. The majority of the court declared, as an *obiter dictum*, that the *Missouri Compromise* was *unconstitutional* and a slave-holder had the same right to take his slaves into the territories as he had to take any other property. It also *overthrew* the *popular sovereignty* theory on which the Kansas-Nebraska Act was based.

Aug. 24. *Panic* began. Its cause lay in the speculation and strained credit due to the increase in gold and the rapid extension of railroads. The government issued treasury notes and a loan of \$20,000,000 was authorized. Hard times followed for the next two years and caused a demand for a new tariff and protection.

Nov. 7. *Lecompton Constitution* in Kansas framed by a pro-slavery convention, but peace being restored the free-state men meanwhile secured a majority in the legislature. The convention submitted to popular vote the question of the constitution with or without slavery only and moreover fixed matters so that slavery would continue even though voted down. Douglas denounced the fraud and regained his lost popularity in the North, but broke with the administration. Buchanan sent the constitution to Congress and recommended admission under it (Feb. 2).

1858, May 4. *English Act* provided that if Kansas accepted the *Lecompton Constitution* she could be admitted at once; if she rejected it she must wait until her population equaled that necessary for one representative. Kansas rejected (Aug. 2).

May 11. Minnesota (32d state) admitted.

June 18. Treaty with China, establishing diplomatic intercourse.

Aug.-Oct. *Lincoln-Douglas joint debates* were seven in number between Douglas and Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), rival Illinois candidates for the Senate; they gave Lincoln national prominence and helped to make plain the slavery issues and Douglas's real attitude towards them. He declared that the *Dred Scott* decision could not force slavery on a territory in the face of hostile police regulations (*Freeport Doctrine*). Douglas was successful, but this declaration cost him what southern support he still had.

1859, Jan.-Feb. *Cuban Bill* in the Senate was an unsuccessful

renewal by the South and the administration of the plan to acquire that island. At this time a movement to reopen the foreign slave-trade became evident; while filibustering in Central America (Walker) and Buchanan's efforts for a further cession of *Mexican territory* and a protectorate over that convulsed country were understood to be pro-slavery measures, though complicated by transit questions and fear of European intervention.

Feb. 14. Oregon (33d state) admitted. This gave the free-states six more senators than the slave states had; but the Democrats still had a majority in the Senate and in the main this meant southern control there.

Oct. 16-18. **John Brown's raid.** He seized Harper's Ferry arsenal, expecting the slaves to rally to him; but was overpowered by militia and marines, given a fair trial, and hanged (Dec. 2) for treason to Virginia. The affair greatly *aroused the South*.

Dec. 5. First meeting of the 26th Congress, but no Speaker was elected until Feb. 1.

June. Eighth census. Land area 2,974,159 square miles, an increase of 1 per cent; population 31,443,321 (26,922,537 whites, 448,070 free negroes, 3,953,760 slaves, 78,954 Asiatics and Indians, 4,138,697 foreign born), an increase of 36 per cent. The Northwest increased 53 per cent, the trans-Mississippi slave states 81 per cent; the trans-Mississippi free-state region 500 per cent; the mountain and Pacific region 484 per cent.

June 16. Act to encourage the construction of a telegraph line to the Pacific. Line was opened in 1861, previous to which the swiftest means of communication had been the pony express.

Nov. 6. **Nineteenth presidential election.** The Democratic convention met at Charleston, April 23. Douglas controlled it, and when a resolution declaring the duty of the federal government to protect slavery in the territories (the southern answer to the Freeport Doctrine) was voted down, eight "cotton states" withdrew. The rump reassembled at Baltimore (June 18) and, after a further secession, nominated Douglas and H. V. Johnson. The seceders nominated J. C. Breckinridge and Joseph Lane. Whigs and Know-nothings under the name of the Constitutional Union party nominated John Bell and Edward Everett. The Republicans met at Chicago on

May 16. Their platform acknowledged the right of slavery in the states, denounced the Dred Scott decision, reiterated the unconstitutionality of territorial slavery, supported protection, the homestead bill, internal improvements, and a Pacific railway. Lincoln was nominated over Seward and Chase on the third ballot. Hannibal Hamlin was the vice-presidential candidate. Lincoln with 180 votes, carried all the free states, except 3 of New Jersey's 7 votes; Breckinridge 72; Douglas 12; Bell 39.

IX. CIVIL WAR, 1860-1865

The South proceeded to put her threat of disunion into effect, although the Republicans would not control the next Congress. In the hindrances to the Fugitive-Slave Law the South had a real constitutional grievance, but to preserve the Union the northern states would have removed these. Slavery in the states was not in danger from federal attack, but the section's demand for territorial slavery was based on the belief that the advancement of the South was bound up in the institution and that its economic character required expansion. Curbed in this respect, there was fear that slavery would lose its hold on the older states, in fact its decay in some of the border states was already evident; but freed from union with the North southern expansion was possible. Underlying this was the knowledge that in holding slavery to be a blessing the cotton states were at odds with the rest of the civilized world. Although *slavery was the cause* of the disunion, the South, believing that the Union was a compact which the aggressions of the North had violated, did not doubt that *secession was a justified legal remedy*.

1860, Dec. 4. *Buchanan's* annual message to Congress put the *blame* of the threatened secession *upon northern agitation* of slavery. He denied the right to secede, but also the power to coerce a state.

Dec. 18. **Crittenden Compromise** introduced in the Senate; but on its main clause, *slavery* in present or future *territories* south of 36° 30', Lincoln and other *Republican leaders* were *unyielding*. A committee of thirteen could agree on no compromise (Dec. 28) though the desire for it was strong except in the cotton states.

Dec. 20. South Carolina Ordinance of Secession adopted. The convention also formulated plans for a general southern convention.

Dec. 26. Unauthorized transfer by Major *Robert Anderson* of his (federal) forces in Charleston Harbor to **Fort Sumter**, the only defensible work. The state took possession of all other federal property. Buchanan finally (Dec. 31) refused to order Anderson to withdraw, and sent reinforcements by an unarmed vessel, the *Star of the West*. A state battery fired upon her (Jan. 9), and she put back. Buchanan made no further effort at relief.

1861, Jan.-Feb. Ordinances of secession of the other cotton states: Mississippi (Jan. 9), Florida (Jan. 10), Alabama (Jan. 11), Georgia (Jan. 19), Louisiana (Jan. 26), Texas (Feb. 1). As the states seceded their congressmen withdrew, which made possible the passage of Republican measures. The conventions of Virginia, North Carolina, Arkansas, and Missouri had decided Union majorities; Tennessee voted down a convention; none was called in Kentucky, Maryland, or Delaware.

Jan. 29. Kansas (34th state) admitted with a free-state constitution.

Feb. 4-27. *Peace Convention*, called by Virginia and attended by delegates from twenty-one states, but from none of the seceded ones, was without results.

Feb. 4-March 16. **Montgomery Convention** and Provisional Congress of seceded states. The **Confederate States of America** were established, a provisional government formed, a permanent constitution framed (March 17) for submission to the states, and a futile mission sent to Washington. **Jefferson Davis** and *Alexander H. Stephens* were elected provisional president and vice-president (inaugurated Feb. 18); they were later reelected under the constitution and *remained in office* during the existence of the Confederacy. The constitution was patterned after the federal one but with a distinct recognition of slavery and state-rights measures.

Feb. 28. Colorado Territory established. Discovery of precious metals had promoted settlement.

March 2. *Morrill Tariff Act* restored the *protective policy* somewhat, but was mainly a necessary revenue measure. It was not a war measure.

March 2. Nevada Territory created, following the discovery of silver.

March 2. Dakota Territory established, extending to the Rockies.

March 2. Constitutional amendment to insure the safety of slavery within a state submitted to the states. It was not ratified.

1861, March 4- 1865, April 15. **ABRAHAM LINCOLN** of Illinois, sixteenth president; *Hannibal Hamlin* of Maine, vice-president; *W. H. Seward*, secretary of state; *S. P. Chase* (later *W. P. Fessenden*), secretary of the treasury; *E. M. Stanton* (1814-1869), secretary of war from Jan. 1862; *Gideon Welles*, secretary of the navy. Lincoln in his inaugural address declared the *Union perpetual* and his intention to hold the property and places belonging to the government.

1861, April 12-14. **Bombardment and surrender of Fort Sumter**; a naval relief expedition having started for the port, the Confederates began the attack.

April 15. Lincoln's *first call* for troops; 75,000 militia to suppress insurrection. The firing on the flag had ended all indifference in the *North* and the *enthusiasm* was magnificent. For over a week Washington was thought to be in danger, as southern sympathizers were obstructing communication in Maryland (first bloodshed at Baltimore, April 19), but this was soon remedied.

April-May. **Secession of border states.** The South showed no less universal loyalty to her cause. Called upon to choose sides, Virginia's convention voted to secede on April 17; North Carolina's May 1; Arkansas's May 6; Tennessee's May 8. In Maryland a Union reaction set in; Kentucky attempted to remain neutral but finally adhered to the Union; in Missouri Secessionists controlled the government, but they were suppressed by the Union men; Delaware made no effort to secede. Maryland, Kentucky, and Missouri furnished troops to both armies; while, on the other hand, in western Virginia and eastern Tennessee Unionism prevailed.

April 19, 27. Proclamations declaring the coast of the Confederate States **blockaded** were tantamount to a recognition of *belligerent rights*, though at first there were attempts to treat the Southerners as rebels unprotected by international law. European nations proclaimed their neutrality and recog-

nized the southern belligerency. The navy was in poor condition and many southern officers resigned; yet in a short time the blockade was made effective, many vessels were bought, construction went on rapidly, and new types of vessel and ordnance were evolved. The *administration* and conduct of the *naval phase* of the war was *admirable*.

April 29–May 21. Second session of the *Confederate* Provisional Congress; war measures, a volunteer force of unlimited size, a loan of \$50,000,000 in bonds and notes, and the *capital* moved to *Richmond*.

May 3. Call for 42,000 federal volunteers for three years, increase of the regular army and navy ordered, and the writ of habeas corpus suspended. Congress later sanctioned these *extra-legal proceedings* of Lincoln.

July 4. Thirty-seventh Congress met in extra session. The withdrawal of southern Democrats gave the Republicans control, and many elected as Democrats united with them (*War Democrats*). The *Peace Democrats* were few but aggressive.

July 17. \$250,000,000 loan in bonds and treasury notes authorized; the first financial measure of the war.

July 21. *Bull Run* (Manassas) in northern Virginia resulted in a rout of the Federals under Irvin McDowell by the Confederates under *P. G. T. Beauregard* (1818–1893) and *J. E. Johnston* (1807–1891). *G. B. McClellan* (1826–1885) succeeded Scott as federal commanding general with direct command over the Army of the Potomac, and devoted himself to organization and training, for which he had special aptitude.

July 22. 500,000 federal volunteers authorized.

July 22, 25. *Crittenden Resolution* adopted by the two Houses declaring the *war* to be for the preservation of the Union and *not for conquest* or the *overthrow of slavery*.

Aug. 5. A direct tax of \$20,000,000 assessed on real estate, and an annual income tax of 3 per cent on excess over \$800 began the war taxes. The direct tax was generally assumed by the states. The tariff was also increased.

Nov. 8. *Trent affair*. Slidell and Mason, confederate commissioners to Europe, were taken from a British vessel by an American warship; England demanded the release of the prisoners and an apology, and threatened war (Nov. 30). The action was contrary to earlier American attitude on search;

the prisoners were released (Dec. 26), and a disavowal of the act was accepted as a sufficient apology.

1862, Feb. 6-16. Capture of *Fort Henry* and *Fort Donelson*, confederate posts on the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers, by **U. S. Grant** (1822-1885), which opened the way into middle Tennessee.

Feb. 25. **Legal Tender and Loan Act.** United States notes (greenbacks) bearing no interest were authorized and made, against much opposition, legal tender, and reissuable. A further loan of \$500,000,000 (5-20s) was authorized. Specie payments had been suspended at the end of 1861, and *gold* was soon at a *premium*, which was a barometer of federal prospects, rising (July 11, 1864) as high as 258. The amount of greenbacks was increased from time to time, and 433,000,000 were outstanding at the end of the war.

March 9. **Merrimac** (Virginia) -**Monitor** fight, the first contest between ironclads; a drawn battle that revolutionized naval vessels.

April 6, 7. *Shiloh* (Pittsburg Landing). Grant was attacked by *A. S. Johnston* (1803-1862) and Beauregard and driven back. + Johnston. The next day, reinforced by *D. C. Buell*, Grant recovered the lost ground and forced the retreat of the enemy.

April 10. Joint resolutions of Congress declaring that the United States ought to give pecuniary aid to any state willing to adopt *gradual emancipation*; a favorite measure with Lincoln, but the border states were not ready for it.

April 16. *Slavery abolished in the District of Columbia*; the masters received compensation.

April 16. *Confederate Conscription Act.* White men between 18 and 35 were liable; later the limits were extended.

April 24. Passage of the forts below *New Orleans* by the federal fleet of **D. G. Farragut** (1801-1870). New Orleans was occupied the next day. During the spring the river had also been opened from Cairo to below Memphis; but efforts during the summer against Vicksburg failed, the Confederacy retaining control between that post and Port Hudson.

April-July. **Peninsular campaign.** McClellan began his campaign against Richmond by a cautious advance up the peninsula between the James and York rivers. Johnston was wounded and superseded by **Robert E. Lee** (1807-1870). By

the middle of June McClellan was within a few miles of Richmond, but fatally delayed. Meanwhile T. J. (Stonewall) Jackson (1824-1863), after diverting reinforcements from McClellan, joined Lee, who in the Seven Days' battles (June 25-July 1) forced the Federals to retreat to a new base on the James River.

May 15. Department of Agriculture authorized, but not made a cabinet office.

May 20. **Homestead Act** granted a patent to 160 acres of land without payment to the head of a family, or person twenty-one years of age, after residence and cultivation for five years. Buchanan had vetoed a similar law because there was no constitutional right to give away the public lands.

June 19. *Slavery abolished in the territories.*

July 1. *Internal Revenue Act* laid excise and duties on businesses, inheritances, salaries, incomes (graduated), and almost all objects capable of "indirect" taxation. Superseded on June 30, 1864, by another act as comprehensive.

July 1, 1864, July 2. **Pacific Railway Acts.** The matter had been in discussion for several years, but sectional controversy over the route had frustrated earlier enactment. The Union Pacific was to run a line from Omaha westward until it met the Central Pacific line building from California; branch lines from other points on the Missouri were provided. The roads were granted for each mile of line 5 (later 10) alternate sections of public land on each side of the track, and also \$16,000 in United States bonds, which were to be a first (later a second) mortgage on the roads. The amount of bonds was tripled for the mountain sections (300 miles).

1862, July 2. *Morrill Agricultural Colleges Act* made a proportional grant of public land (or script) to each state, the income from the resulting fund to be applied to the support of a college of agriculture and mechanic arts. Military instruction was required in the college. All of the states have accepted this grant. Buchanan had vetoed a similar bill.

July 2. Iron-clad oath prescribed to be taken by every federal official, declaring he had never voluntarily given aid, support, or service to the Confederate States. It was of importance during Reconstruction.

July 17. *Confiscation Act.* An earlier one (Aug. 6, 1861) freed all slaves found aiding the military operations of the

Confederacy. This enlarged act authorized the confiscation of the property of those engaged in armed rebellion, freed their slaves coming within federal lines, and authorized the *employment of negroes* in suppressing the rebellion.

July 29. The **Alabama**, built in England for the Confederacy, sailed from Liverpool. The English authorities were culpably negligent in the matter. She was armed and commissioned at sea and in her two years of cruising destroyed fifty-seven merchantmen, and virtually *drove the American flag from the seas*. She was the most important of the Confederate destroyers; but the *Florida*, *Georgia*, and *Shenandoah*, also English built and equipped, helped in the destruction.

Aug.-Oct. *Bragg's Kentucky campaign* was at first successful, but after the battle of Perryville (Oct. 8) with Buell the Confederates retired to Chattanooga. *W. S. Rosecrans* succeeded Buell in the command of the Army of the Ohio (Cumberland).

Aug. 25-Sept. 2. *Second Bull Run*. John Pope, commanding the forces around Washington, started south, but retreated as Lee advanced. Meanwhile McClellan's army was withdrawn from the Peninsula and sent to reinforce Pope. Lee struck quickly and drove the federal army back on Washington.

Sept. 16, 17. *Antietam*. Lee followed up his success by an *invasion of Maryland*; McClellan, restored to command, checked him in an indecisive two days' battle. Lee retired unmolested into Virginia.

Sept. 22. **Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation**. Since the Crittenden Resolution of July, 1861, the demand for action against slavery had steadily developed; but Lincoln waited until he felt that public opinion would support him. He now proclaimed that as a *war measure* he would declare free the slaves in all the states (certain loyal or conquered portions excepted) still rebellious on Jan. 1, 1863.

Dec. 13. *Fredericksburg*. McClellan was finally removed for procrastination (Nov. 5) and *A. E. Burnside* succeeded. He attempted to force the Rappahannock and take the strong position held by Lee, but failed.

Dec. 31-1863, Jan. 2. *Stone's River* (Murfreesboro). Rosecrans and Bragg both attacked; the Confederates finally retired.

1863, Jan. 1. Final Emancipation Proclamation issued.

Feb. 24. Arizona Territory created.

Feb. 25. **National Bank Act.** By this and an amendment (June 3, 1864) banks organized or reorganized under it and operating under federal supervision could issue notes based on the federal bonds owned by them. A monopoly for such bank notes was secured (March 3, 1865) by *taxing state bank circulation* 10 per cent.

March 3. Loan Act authorized the raising of \$900,000,000 by July 1, 1864, in bonds, treasury notes, and greenbacks. Fractional currency was also authorized, to take the place of postal currency previously used as a means of suppressing private fractional bills (shin-plasters), silver as well as gold having disappeared from circulation except in the West.

— March 3. *Draft Act.* The system was employed only to fill out quotas and supplement volunteering. Men between 20 and 45 years of age were subject; a substitute could be offered or exemption purchased. The exemption was later repealed. Only about 110,000 men were recruited by this method.

March 3. Act authorizing the president to *suspend habeas corpus* when he deemed it necessary; the prisoner to be discharged if the next regular grand jury did not indict him. There had been much complaint against the many *arbitrary arrests*. This law was not, however, observed in all cases. Military arrest and trial of those opposed to the war ("Copperheads") continued; the case of *C. L. Vallandigham* being the most famous one. Newspapers were temporarily suppressed. After the war the Supreme Court decided that military arrests of civilians was illegal so long as the civil courts were open.

March 3. Idaho Territory established. It included present Wyoming and Montana.

May 1-5. *Chancellorsville.* *Joseph Hooker*, displacing *Burnside*, crossed the Rappahannock, but *Jackson* took the federal army on the flank by surprise (May 2) and routed a portion of it. *Jackson* was mortally wounded. *Hooker* finally recrossed the river, utterly outgeneraled by *Lee*.

May-July. **Vicksburg campaign.** Grant had endeavored in many unsuccessful ways since December to get a coign of vantage against the confederate strong position; finally he sent boats with supplies past the batteries, crossed his troops

below (April 30), and by a series of skillful marches and battles (May 1-17) drove Pemberton's Confederates within the defenses and began the siege. The city was starved out and surrendered (July 4). Port Hudson then capitulated (July 8). This gave the Federals *control of the river*, cutting the Confederacy in two and depriving the eastern portion of much needed supplies which Texas could furnish.

June 19. West Virginia (35th state) admitted, the consent of a "restored" government of Virginia Unionists being received as that of the parent state required by the Federal Constitution. Gradual emancipation was a requisite of admission.

July 1-3. **Gettysburg.** Lee in another invasion of the North reached the neighborhood of Harrisburg; the Federals under Hooker's successor, *G. G. Meade* (1815-1872), caught up at Gettysburg; and the three days' fight there was the "high-tide of the Confederacy." Failing in his attack on the federal position Lee retreated to the Potomac, where he was kept for over a week by high water; but Meade did not attack and the Confederates finally crossed in safety.

July 13-16. *Draft riots* in New York; the mob taking advantage of the unpopularity of the conscription and the absence of troops in Pennsylvania. To encourage volunteering and to avoid drafts, *bounties* were liberally offered by the nation, states, and localities. This led to much fraud and bounty jumping by professional "repeaters"; while a class of substitute brokers developed. As the war progressed and these means were resorted to, the personnel of the army deteriorated to some extent, but many veterans reënlisted, and the employment of *negro troops* brought some 185,000 of them into the service for their freedom. Organizations arose to ameliorate the condition of the troops, such as the *Christian Commission* and the *Sanitary Commission*, in which the *women* did much of their share in the war; great fairs were held, army nurses supplied, relief work undertaken, the health and morals of the soldiers promoted.

The war, for all its vast importance, did not displace the *normal interests* of life in the North. Economic progress continued; new railroads were built, new lands opened, the hard times of the beginning of the decade gave place to prosperity. In the South, however, the *war was everything*. Cut off by the

blockade from marketing her cotton, and lacking other resources, the *finances* of the Confederacy deteriorated rapidly, especially as the government hesitated at strenuous taxation. Some bonds were sold abroad but the chief dependence was on *paper money*, Confederate, state, bank, local, and private. Depreciation was even more rapid than accumulation; by August, 1864, a paper dollar was worth only about four cents in specie, and towards the end of the war had virtually no value. The notes were not legal tender. As the South had been dependent before the war on outside supply of most of her wants, *scarcity* soon followed the enforcement of the blockade. Hunger in the army, and in some sections towards the end, was the result of the *failure of transportation* rather than of food supplies. Salt was a problem that received much attention. Medical and hospital supplies of all kinds were inadequate. Speculation was rife and much corn was distilled in spite of prohibitory legislation. *Blockade running* became a highly developed industry, the profits commensurate with the risks. As the North wanted *cotton* and the South many things in exchange for it, *illicit trade* between the lines was a common matter, sometimes participated in by the officers; and accompanied by corruption. The *slaves remained faithful*, although most of the white men were away in the army, and their labor was a great asset to the South; but the faithfulness was one of trained obedience mainly, nor were they left entirely unwatched. The war-time centralization was not relished by Stephens and some of the governors; *Davis*, especially in contrast with Lee, became *unpopular*. The tithe, impressment of supplies, and conscription all caused controversy; but as the entire administration of the country was on a war basis there was less reason for arbitrary action than in the North. *Prisoners of war* were a serious problem in the South. The policy of the North was to exhaust the enemy by not exchanging, and the breakdown of southern transportation, together with the unwillingness of the inhabitants to furnish the supplies and the general collapse of administration, are sufficient to account for the suffering even at Andersonville, which was located in a region of comparative abundance. The suffering of prisoners in the North was partly due to retaliation and more to the rigors of climate on debilitated systems.

Sept. 19, 20. *Chickamauga*. Rosecrans finally drove Bragg out of Chattanooga and advanced towards Atlanta, but

was defeated in a two days' battle and besieged at Chattanooga. Grant was placed in charge of all western operations. W. T. Sherman (1820-1891) succeeding him in command of the Army of the Tennessee, was ordered to Chattanooga, where

G. H. Thomas (1816-1870) had superseded Rosecrans.

Oct. 8. The *Confederate (Laird) rams*, being constructed at Liverpool, *seized* by the English government. This, and British refusal earlier to unite with Napoleon III in intervention, ended the international complications of the war.

Nov. 23-25. *Chattanooga*. Grant, having gathered his forces and opened an adequate supply line, attacked the strongly posted Confederates and finally drove them away in disorder. Grant was made lieutenant-general and *commander-in-chief* of the federal armies (March 9, 1863); Sherman succeeded him in command of the West.

Dec. 8. *Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction* offered full pardon and restoration of property, except in slaves, to all (with some exceptions) who took a prescribed oath to support the Constitution and all constitutional anti-slavery measures of Congress and the president. Also Lincoln declared that whenever one tenth of the voters of a state had taken this oath and reëstablished a government conforming to it, he would recognize the state.

1864, March 14. *Arkansas constitution* adopted, *abolishing slavery*, but limiting suffrage to whites; framed under Lincoln's proclamation.

May-June. Grant's *Virginia (Wilderness) campaign*. He began his attack on Lee in the Wilderness (May 5-7); checked here and later at Spottsylvania (May 10-12) and at Cold Harbor (June 1-3), he continued the campaign of attrition by movements to the left until finally he crossed the James River (June 14) established his army before Petersburg, and began what was virtually a siege of that place and Richmond.

May-Sept. *Atlanta campaign*: Sherman's advance was opposed by J. E. Johnston who had superseded Bragg. It was Johnston's strategy to reserve his strength while drawing Sherman further from his base and the latter's to advance by flanking rather than direct assault. But when the armies were before Atlanta Johnston was superseded by J. B. Hood (July 18),

who made three futile attacks on the Federals (July 20-28), but ended the campaign by evacuating Atlanta (Sept. 2).

May 26. Montana Territory created.

June 30. Fugitive-Slave Law repealed.

July 2. *Northern Pacific Railway* incorporated to construct a line from Lake Superior to Puget Sound with a branch to Portland. In states it was given ten alternate *sections of land* on each side of the line per mile, in territories twenty sections, but *no bonds*.

July 4. *Wade-Davis Reconstruction Bill* pocketed. It required that a majority of enrolled voters should first take the oath of loyalty, excluded from voting all who had voluntarily served the Confederacy, and prohibited slavery in the reconstructed states. Lincoln vetoed it because Congress had no authority over slavery in the states, and it set aside the governments forming in Arkansas and Louisiana under his proclamation. This was the beginning of the conflict between presidential and congressional ideas of reconstruction.

July. Early's invasion of Maryland, after defeating the Federals in Shenandoah Valley. July 10 he appeared before Washington, but retreated.

Aug. 5. *Battle of Mobile Bay*; Farragut's passage of the forts and defeat of the confederate fleet. The forts soon surrendered; but the city was not taken until April 12, 1865. This success left Charleston and Wilmington the only important ports still open to blockade runners.

Aug.-Oct. *Shenandoah campaign*. P. H. Sheridan (1831-1888) defeated Early's much smaller force at Opequan (Sept. 19) and Fisher's Hill (Sept. 22); laid waste the Valley, it being an important source of supply for Lee's army; and ended the campaign by turning a retreat into a victory at Cedar Creek (Oct. 19).

Sept. 5. New constitution in *Louisiana*, under Lincoln's proclamation, *abolished slavery* but limited suffrage to whites.

Oct. 13. *Slavery abolished in Maryland* by popular ratification of a new constitution.

Oct. 31. Nevada (36th state) admitted, mainly for the sake of its three electoral votes.

Nov. 8. *Nineteenth presidential election*. The *Union party*, composed of Republicans and War Democrats, renominated Lincoln, with Andrew Johnson (1808-1875) for vice-

president. The *Peace Democrats* nominated McClellan and G. H. Pendleton and declared the "*war a failure.*" The great slaughter and lack of success of Grant's campaign and the deplorable condition of the finances had a depressing effect in the early part of the campaign, which the Mobile and Atlanta successes lightened, and Sheridan's victories dispelled all doubts of Lincoln's success. He had 212 electoral votes, McClellan 21 (Kentucky and New Jersey).

Nov.-Dec. *March to the Sea.* Hood starting on an invasion of Tennessee, Sherman, leaving Thomas to keep the Confederates busy, severed his communication and marched from Atlanta (Nov. 16) to Savannah, living on the country and destroying railroads and supplies in a hitherto untouched portion of the Confederacy. He met with virtually no resistance, and entered Savannah on Dec. 21.

Dec. 6. Chase succeeded Taney as chief justice of the Supreme Court.

Dec. 15, 16. *Nashville.* Thomas virtually destroyed Hood's army. 1865, Jan. 11. *Missouri* constitutional convention *abolished slavery.*

Jan. 11. Notice given of intention to terminate the Canadian Reciprocity Treaty at end of twelve months. It was contrary to the new spirit of protection.

Jan. 15. Capture of Fort Fisher, the coast defense of Wilmington, followed soon after by the occupation of Wilmington and the advance into the interior of J. M. Schofield's force to coöperate with Sherman.

Feb. 1. **Thirteenth Amendment**, abolishing slavery, submitted to the states.

Feb. 22. *Tennessee* constitutional amendment *abolished slavery.*

Feb. 27. The Senate indirectly refused to receive senators from reconstructed Louisiana.

March 3. Loan of \$600,000,000 authorized.

March 3. *Freedmen's Bureau* established to supervise abandoned lands and control all relations of refugees and freedmen.

Feb.-April. *Sherman's campaign through the Carolinas* caused the evacuation of Charleston (Feb. 18) and the Confederates, again under Johnston, were not able to stay the destructive advance. Sherman and Schofield joined forces at Goldsborough (March 21).

April 2. *Evacuation of Richmond and Petersburg* by Lee, who endeavored to join Johnston in North Carolina.

April 9. **Surrender of Lee at Appomatox.** Grant in swift pursuit of the Confederates had first diverted them and finally headed them off. Lee had only 27,000 men left to surrender.

April 14. **Lincoln shot by J. W. Booth;** + April 15. This assassination was the *first untoward event of Reconstruction*; for Lincoln, with his great popularity and marvelous power of political leadership, could have carried out the policy of moderation in the face of radical opposition, which Johnson found impossible.

1865, April, 15–1869, March 4. ANDREW JOHNSON of Tennessee, seventeenth president. He retained Lincoln's cabinet.

April 26. *Johnston surrendered to Sherman*; terms of an earlier surrender (April 18) were rejected. The two remaining southwestern armies, Richard Taylor's and Kirby Smith's, surrendered on May 4, May 26.

May 10. **Capture of Davis.** He was held for treason but released on bail (May, 1867) and the case dropped in 1869.

In the *North* during the war seven calls for volunteers or drafted men were made, besides several calls for militia for short periods of service; the number of *enlistments* were 2,898,000, equivalent to 1,557,000 men serving three years; 360,000 soldiers *died* from wounds or disease; 275,000 recovered from wounds. The *number* who served in the *confederate army* were probably about 1,200,000, or 1,000,000 on a three years' basis. The *federal debt* increased from \$75,000,000 in 1861 to \$3,000,000,000 in 1865; and the northern people paid \$667,000,000 in *taxes* during the same period.

X. RECONSTRUCTION, 1865–1877

Reconstruction theories were diverse. At the extremes were the views (1) that *rights* had been *unimpaired* by the fact that the states had been made the instruments of disunion, and (2) that the southern states had committed *suicide*, or forfeited all rights and must be treated as *conquered provinces*. Between these were Lincoln's and Johnson's opinions that the states were

indestructible but the seceded ones were *out of their practical relation* and the main thing was to restore this as easily as possible. Practically the restoration turned on the **negro question**; could there have been an agreement on this the task would have been simple. Radicals like Sumner would consider nothing but the theoretical right of equality; on the other hand, the South, with knowledge of the problem and determination to preserve white control, while acknowledging that freedom was the fruit of the northern success, proposed to limit it strictly until convinced that the freedmen were appreciative of its duties as well as of its rights. In taking this position she ignored the fact that the North was not likely to regard with complacency an unsubmissive attitude by the defeated section. In 1865 there was no particular interest in negro rights in the North; the negroes could vote in only six states and between 1865 and 1868 suffrage was refused to them in six states.

1865, May 29. First proclamation of *amnesty*, with quite a large class of exceptions. Later proclamations were made, gradually eliminating the exceptions, but meanwhile Congress had practically taken the matter out of the president's hands.

May 29. Presidential reconstruction began with a proclamation for a provisional government in North Carolina; a governor was appointed, delegates to a convention to be elected by voters who had been loyal or took the amnesty oath. During the next two months South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas were similarly organized. In Arkansas and Louisiana governments which Lincoln had organized were recognized and the loyal governments of Virginia and Tennessee continued. The different conventions *abolished slavery* and *repealed* or declared void the ordinance of *secession*, and repudiated the war debts; but none of them did anything for negro suffrage. Elections for governors and legislatures followed, and the legislatures, except that of Mississippi, *ratified the Thirteenth Amendment*. They then passed severely restrictive laws on the freedmen (**black codes**).

Dec. 4. Meeting of the 39th Congress. Congressmen from these *reorganized states were refused admission*, and a joint Committee on Reconstruction appointed (Dec. 12). Congress denied the right of the president to reconstruct the states.

Dec. 18. *Thirteenth Amendment in force.*

1866, Feb. 19. *Veto* of a bill to continue and enlarge the *Freedmen's Bureau*.

Feb. 22. Public speech by Johnson, making evident the break with Congress.

April 9. *Civil Rights Act*, passed over a veto, gave to all persons born in the United States (except Indians) the same civil rights and obligations within the states that white citizens had.

April 12. Act authorizing the gradual retirement of greenbacks.

June 13. **Fourteenth Amendment** submitted to the states. It declared all persons born or naturalized in the United States to be *citizens* of the nation and of the state. It made population the basis of representation, but if *suffrage* was denied to any male citizens over 21 the representation of the state should be proportionally reduced. It *disabled* from holding federal or state office all persons who had taken the official oath to support the Constitution and had later engaged in rebellion, but Congress could remove the disability. It guaranteed the payment of the federal war debt, and declared void the confederate one and all claims for emancipated slaves.

July. Atlantic Cable opened. Two earlier ones had failed.

July 13. First reduction of the internal revenue.

July 16. Act to continue the Freedmen's Bureau passed over a veto.

July 24. *Tennessee readmitted*, having ratified the Fourteenth Amendment.

July 26. Acts regulating the location and patenting of mining claims on public lands. Later amended (July 9, 1870, May 10, 1872) and extended to petroleum and gas lands (Feb. 11, 1897).

July 27. The *Atlantic and Pacific Railroad* incorporated to build from the Missouri to the Pacific through Albuquerque, and given a land grant. The *Southern Pacific*, with a similar grant, could build from San Francisco to connect at the western boundary of California.

Sept.-Nov. The election showed that the *North supported Congress* in its reconstruction programme and struggle with Johnson.

Oct.-1867, Feb. **Rejection of the Fourteenth Amendment** by the unreadmitted states, the main reason given being the

disqualification clause. This rejection *frustrated the finality* of the amendment and brought northern public opinion to the support of the congressional radicals of the Sumner-Stevens type, and so made possible the extreme measures which followed.

1867, Jan. 8, Jan. 25. *Negro suffrage* ordered in the *District of Columbia* and *territories*.

March 1. Nebraska (37th state) admitted over a veto.

March 2. **Reconstruction Act** passed over a veto. The unadmitted states were declared to have no legal government; they were divided into five districts and placed under military governors and authority. A state would be *readmitted under the following conditions*: delegates to a constitutional convention should be elected by all the male citizens over 21, excluding such as the Fourteenth Amendment excluded; the convention should adopt a constitution with *negro suffrage*; the legislature under the new constitution should *ratify the Fourteenth Amendment*. When this amendment became a part of the Constitution the senators and representatives of the states would be received if they could take the iron-clad oath.

March 2. *Tenure-of-Office Act*, passed over a veto, provided that no presidential appointee could be removed without the consent of the Senate. Cabinet officers were to serve during the term of the president by whom they were appointed, unless removed with the consent of the Senate.

March 2. Further internal-revenue reductions.

March 2. Third Federal Bankruptcy Act passed; repealed in 1878.

March 2. Wool and Woolens Tariff Act gave higher protection.

March 12. Final *departure of the French from Mexico*. Napoleon III had taken advantage of the Civil War to establish an empire in Mexico. After the war the United States insisted that the French troops withdraw. When this was done, the empire collapsed.

March 23, July 19. *Supplementary Reconstruction Acts*, passed over vetoes, supplied the machinery and disfranchised more whites.

March 30. *Alaska Purchase Treaty*; \$7,200,000 was paid to Russia.

April, May. The Supreme Court refused to interfere with the Reconstruction Acts, pleading lack of jurisdiction.

July-1868, Dec. *Constitutional conventions* in the ten unreconstructed states. The negro voters, who were in a majority in five states, were under the influence of the *Union Leagues* which were controlled by whites from the North (*carpet-baggers*) or southern Republicans (*scalawags*).

1867, Oct. 24. Treaty for the purchase of the Danish West Indies. The Senate rejected it (March 24, 1870).

1868, Feb. 4. Contraction of greenbacks stopped. There was also opposition to the resumption of specie payments, and a movement (Ohio idea) for *paying the bonds in greenbacks*, which became the basis of the Greenback party. \$44,000,000 of greenbacks had been retired.

Feb. 22. Naturalization treaty with Prussia signed; the first of a series by which European nations recognized the right of *expatriation*.

Feb. 24-May 16. **Impeachment and trial of Johnson.** Secretary Stanton upheld congressional reconstruction and refused to resign, so Johnson removed him in spite of the Senate's refusal to sanction it. The House voted to impeach (Feb. 24). The trial in the Senate (March 30-May 16) resulted in an acquittal by 35 to 18 (36 necessary to convict); 7 Republicans voted no because Stanton had been appointed by Lincoln and not by Johnson, though the Tenure-of-Office Act had been framed especially to keep him in office. He now resigned.

March 27. Act to prevent appeal to the Supreme Court of cases involving the Reconstruction Acts passed over a veto.

June 22, 25. *Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina readmitted.* Most of the officials and legislators of these states were carpet-baggers or scalawags or their negro protégés; their rule was one of *incompetence, extravagance, and corruption*. On the other hand these governments followed up the economic and educational work of the Freedmen's Bureau and passed social legislation that remained after white supremacy was restored. The dispossessed whites resorted to *intimidation and violence*, of which the most important instrument was the *Ku-Klux-Klan*, a secret order whose weird disguises were especially effective in terrorizing the negroes. Riots were common. The *presence of regulars* strengthened the governments and kept them in power in several states

longer than would have been possible otherwise; while the acts of violence by the southerners alienated the sympathy of the North and delayed restoration.

June 25. Act for an eight-hour day for laborers employed by the United States.

July 6. Freedmen's Bureau continued, over a veto, in the unreconstructed states and elsewhere if the secretary of war deemed it necessary.

July 20. *Fourteenth Amendment in force.*

July 20. Internal revenue on spirits and tobacco reduced.

July 25. Wyoming Territory organized.

Nov. 3. Twenty-first presidential election. The Republicans nominated Grant and Colfax. The Democrats recognized that slavery and secession had been settled, flirted with the greenback issue, denounced congressional reconstruction, praised Johnson, and nominated Horatio Seymour and F. P. Blair. Grant had 214 votes, Seymour 80; 6 of the reconstructed states voted for Grant.

1869, Jan. 14. Johnson-Clarendon Convention with England signed. Its proposed settlement of the claims against England growing out of the depredations of the *Alabama* and other cruisers was rejected by the Senate (April 13) as inadequate.

Feb. 27. **Fifteenth Amendment** submitted to the states. It forbade *suffrage* discrimination because of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

1869, March 4-1877, March 4. **ULYSSES SIMPSON GRANT** of Illinois, eighteenth president; *Schuyler Colfax* of Indiana, vice-president; *Hamilton Fish*, secretary of state.

1869, March 18. *Public Credit Act* pledged the faith of the United States to payment of its obligations in coin or an equivalent, and to an early redemption of greenbacks.

April 5. Tenure-of-Office Act modified but Senate refused to repeal it.

April 10. Ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment made a prerequisite to the readmission of unreconstructed states.

April 10. Circuit judges authorized; first since 1802.

April 12. *Texas v. White* decided, in which the Supreme Court held that the "Constitution . . . looks to an *indestruc-*

tible Union, composed of *indestructible States*," and also that, in time of peace, reconstruction was primarily a congressional power.

May 10. Opening of the *Union Pacific-Central Pacific Railway*, fed by four lines at Omaha. At this time *railroad extension* was proceeding rapidly all over the country, especially in the prairie states, faster, as events proved, than should have been. In the East consolidation into *trunk lines* was featured. *Pullmans* were in common use and dining cars had been introduced; *steel rails* were just coming into use, but the general adoption of the *standard gauge* facilitated long runs.

Sept. 24. Black Friday, a panic on Wall Street due to an attempt to corner gold. The government's sale of gold prevented the corner.

Nov. 29. Annexation treaty with Santo Domingo signed. The Senate rejected it (June 30, 1870).

Dec. 22. Act to reconstruct *Georgia* required that the negro legislators who had been ousted by the conservative majority should be restored. This being done, and the radicals in control, the state was finally *readmitted* (July 15, 1870).

1869-1879. **Granger movement**; due to the farmers' belief that in the development of diversified industry they were not receiving just treatment, especially from the railroads. It was at its height in 1873-1876, especially in the Northwest, and secured restrictive *state railroad legislation* and supervising commissions. It was pioneer work; but the Supreme Court upheld the right of the states to control intrastate railroad rates, and so foundations were laid for later and better supervision, and attention called to the need of federal regulation. The Grangers promoted agricultural coöperation, social reform, and political betterment.

1870, Jan. 26. *Virginia readmitted*. *Conservatives controlled* from the first.

Feb. 7, 1871, May 1. *Legal Tender Decisions*. The Supreme Court first declared the legal tender feature of the greenbacks unconstitutional, but in the next year reversed the decision, and thirteen years later declared that the notes were legal tender for contracts made before their issue.

1870, Feb. 23. *Mississippi readmitted*; the radicals controlled.
March 3. *Fifteenth Amendment in force*.

March 30. *Texas readmitted*; radical control was weak and in 1873 *home rule* prevailed again.

May 31. *Enforcement Act* to prevent obstruction of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments.

June. Ninth census. No additions have been made to the continental area since 1853; outlying territory began with Alaska, 590,884 square miles. Continental population 38,558,371 (33,589,377 whites, 4,880,009 negroes, 88,895 Indians and Asiatics, 5,567,229 foreign born), an increase of 23 per cent. The northern trans-Mississippi region including Missouri (west north central region) increased 78 per cent; the mountain region 80 per cent; the Pacific coast 52 per cent.

July 14. Internal Revenue and Tariff Act made sweeping reductions in the internal duties, leaving little but the liquor and tobacco excise, bank tax, and stamp duties. Income tax, reduced, was to cease in 1872. In 1880 the Supreme Court upheld the *constitutionality* of an unapportioned *income tax*.

July 14. Refunding Act authorized 10 to 30 year coin bonds bearing 5 to 4 per cent. By this time the debt had been reduced to \$2,500,000,000.

1871-1876. Grant's administrations were a period of great **public laxity**. Especially to be noticed were the Tweed Ring in New York City, overthrown in 1871; the tacit bribery of congressmen by the *Crédit Mobilier* (1872); the congressional "salary grab" of 1873; the moiety scandal of the Sanborn contracts (1874); the Whiskey Ring graft in internal revenue, involving Grant's friends (1876); and the notorious maladministration of the executive departments which culminated in the impeachment of Belknap, the secretary of war (1876).

1871, Feb. 15. Iron-clad oath repealed.

Feb. 28. **Federal Election Law**, for inspection of congressional elections, a further step to continue Republican control in the South and protect negro voters. Hitherto election supervision had been left entirely to the states, though the Constitution authorized federal control.

March 3. *Indian Wards of the Nation Act* prohibited further treaties and announced the policy of governing the tribes through legislation and executive orders; a part of Grant's peace policy. The continuous advance of the frontier across the plains, rush to the mountain mining districts, and railroad con-

struction led to raids, these to punitive expeditions and *wars*, of which the last of importance was in 1885. By 1871 the Indian claims, except to the reservations, had been generally extinguished except in Dakota, western Nebraska, eastern Montana, New Mexico, and Arizona, and older reservations were being reduced and eliminated. Indian *education* became a definite part of the wardship; reservation schools and higher education at Hampton and Carlisle.

March 3. *Texas-Pacific*, the last of the land-grant railroads, authorized to build through El Paso to San Diego; the *Southern Pacific* could meet it at the Colorado.

March 3. First *Civil Service Commission* authorized, to prepare regulations, but Congress soon refused to make appropriations, Grant's interest was slight, and the commission lapsed.

March 22. Restoration of *Democratic control in North Carolina*.

April 7. Joint congressional investigation of southern conditions authorized (Ku-Klux Committee). It held sessions throughout the South and took a vast amount of testimony.

April 20. **Ku-Klux Act**, a further measure to suppress southern disturbances, gave the president large powers, with the right to suspend the writ of habeas corpus, which he did in a few cases. Over a thousand convictions took place under these various enforcement acts, and the activity of the Ku-Klux, which had never been general, for the most part ceased by 1873. Later the Supreme Court (1883) declared important parts of the enforcement acts unconstitutional.

May 8. **Treaty of Washington**, signed with England, laid down certain rules of neutral responsibility and authorized an arbitration (Geneva Arbitration) of the **Alabama Claims** on that basis; provided a commission on other claims; submitted the San Juan Island dispute to the Emperor of Germany; restored the inshore Canadian fisheries to Americans, put fish products on the free list, and provided for a commission to decide what the United States should pay for this fishing privilege (Halifax Commission).

1872. Jan. Restoration of *home rule in Georgia*.

March 1. Yellowstone National Park created. The policy has been extended until many of the scenic wonders and curiosities are protected as parks or monuments.

- May 1. Repeal of the tariff on tea and coffee, in line with the policy to reduce revenue but preserve protection.
- May 22. *Amnesty Act* removed the disabilities of the Fourteenth Amendment from all but about 500. This number was further reduced by individual acts, and the remnant was swept away by the act of June 6, 1898.
- May 23. Full representation in the Senate and House, the first since 1860.
- June 6. Tariff and Internal Revenue Act; a 10 per cent horizontal reduction of imposts, and more articles freed from the internal excise.
- Sept. 14. **Geneva Award.** The arbitrations rejected all indirect damages and awarded \$15,500,000 for depredations by the *Alabama* and other cruisers.
- Oct. 21. Emperor of Germany awarded San Juan Island to the United States.
- Nov. 5. Twenty-second presidential election. Grant and *Henry Wilson* (+1875) were the Republican nominees. The *Liberal Republicans*, tariff reformers and also alienated by the *character of Grant's administration*, nominated Horace Greeley and B. G. Brown. The Democrats ratified these nominees. The Prohibition party appeared for the first time, and the Greenback and Labor Reform parties presented platforms that *forecasted economic problems* soon to become prominent. Greeley died just after the election. Grant had 286 votes (6 reconstructed states); the Democrats 66.
- 1873, Feb. 12. Coinage Act, which formally demonetized the silver dollar ("*crime of '73*").
- March 3. Timber Culture Act granted patents to treeless land on condition of cultivating trees on a portion of it. The act was several times amended; much fraud resulted and the law was repealed in 1891.
- March 3. Coal Land Act regulated and limited the sale of coal-bearing public lands.
- Sept. 18. **Panic** began by the failure of Jay Cooke & Co. The war was probably instrumental in hastening the period and excessive railroad construction the chief immediate cause. The *industrial depression* which followed lasted until near the end of the decade.
- Oct. 31. *Virginius affair.* Cuba had been in insurrection since 1868. The *Virginius*, under American colors and having

war supplies for the insurgents, was captured by a Spanish cruiser on the high seas, taken to Cuba, and several American citizens executed. War was prevented by the calm action of Fish. The affair was settled (Nov. 29), and it was later found that the ship had no right to fly the American flag. The insurrection was stopped in 1878 by promise of reforms which was not carried out.

1874, Jan. 21. Morrison R. Waite (1816-1888) succeeded Chase as chief-justice.

April 22. Veto of the Inflation Bill, increasing the greenbacks to \$400,000,000. An emergency issue was legalized (June 20, 1874) and the outstanding amount thus made \$382,000,000.

Oct. Election in *Arkansas* resulted in *Democratic control*.

Nov. Congressional election gave the Democrats control of the next House ("tidal wave"); the Republicans retained the Senate. The southern *whites* regained *control of Alabama*.

1875, Jan. 14. **Resumption Act.** A pro-rata retirement of greenbacks should follow any increase in bank notes until the legal-tenders had been reduced to \$300,000,000. After Jan. 1, 1879, greenbacks would be redeemed in coin, bonds sufficient for that purpose being authorized.

Jan. 30. Reciprocity treaty with Hawaii signed.

March 1. Sumner's Civil Rights Act, passed after his death, decreed equal enjoyment in inns, public conveyances, theaters, etc., without respect to color; and forbade exclusion of negroes from jury duty. Except as to jury duty the act was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1883, the decision not covering interstate-commerce travel.

March 3. Tariff and Internal Revenue Act; an increased revenue measure made necessary by the depression.

Nov. 2. Election in *Mississippi* restored *Democratic control*. Grant refused to send federal troops when rioting occurred, and the success was in part due to intimidation of negro voters.

1876, May 10. Opening of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. It was especially successful in arousing American interest in the cultural phases of life.

Aug. 1. Colorado (38th state) admitted.

Nov. 7. **Twenty-third presidential election.** J. G. Blaine (1830-

1893), the most prominent candidate for the Republican nomination, was made unavailable by certain suspicious railroad land-grant transactions (Mulligan letters). R. B. Hayes (1822-1893) and W. A. Wheeler were nominated. The Democrats nominated S. J. Tilden and T. A. Hendricks. Tilden received 184 electoral votes, Hayes 173, with *Florida* (4) and *Louisiana* (8) in doubt. In these states the popular majority was for Tilden, but the Republican returning boards threw out enough votes, on the ground of intimidation and fraud, to declare the states for Hayes. The action of the boards was legal and negroes had been prevented from voting; on the other hand the boards had been actuated by an intention to declare the Republicans successful. Public excitement was intense and a peaceful counting of the electoral vote by Congress seemed impossible.

1877, Jan. 2. *Home rule* restored in *Florida*.

Jan. 29. **Electoral Count Act.** This compromise provided that when the (Republican) Senate and the (Democratic) House could not agree on counting the vote of any state the matter should be referred to a commission of five senators, five representatives, and five justices of the Supreme Court. The ten congressmen were equally divided politically, the justices were two Democrats and three Republicans. To this commission were referred the votes of Florida, Louisiana, and South Carolina, also Oregon on the irregularity of one vote; in all cases by a partisan vote the commission refused to "go behind the returns," and decided in favor of Hayes.

March 2. *Hayes and Wheeler declared elected*, by 185 votes to 184.

March 3. **Desert Land Act** made provision for the sale of such land on satisfactory proof of arrangement for irrigation.

1877, March 4-1881, March 4. **RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD**

HAYES of Ohio, nineteenth president; *William A. Wheeler* of New York, vice-president; W. M. Evarts, secretary of State; John Sherman (1823-1900) secretary of the treasury; Carl Schurz, secretary of the interior. Hayes did much to improve the *civil service*. He was confronted by a hostile Congress and the opposition of the "stalwart" section of his own party, led by Roscoe Conkling, yet his administration helped to rehabilitate the party.

1877, April. **End of Reconstruction.** In *South Carolina* and

Louisiana rival governments existed, the Republican ones being kept alive only by the presence of federal troops. April 10 and 20 Hayes *withdrew the troops* and the Republican governors retired. Since then the reconstructed states have been "*solid*" for the Democratic party.

XI. ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, 1877-1897

1877, July. *Railroad riots* on the eastern trunk lines followed a reduction of 10 per cent in wages; mob controlled Pittsburg for several days (July 19-23), and regulars were needed also at Baltimore (July 20) and Chicago (26). Business was paralyzed for two weeks. Strike failed.

Nov. 23. Halifax Commission awarded \$5,500,000 for the Canadian coast fishing privilege; deemed excessive, but paid.

1878, Feb. 28. **Bland-Allison Silver Law**, passed over a veto, provided for a limited coinage of legal tender dollars at 16 to 1 ratio and silver certificates.

May 31. Further retirement of greenbacks forbidden. The amount then and still in circulation is \$346,681,016.

June 3. Timber and Stone Lands Act for limited sale of western land valuable only for these purposes; fruitful of fraud.

June 18. Use of the army to execute the laws forbidden except when expressly authorized by the Constitution or laws; intended to *prevent military interference with elections in the South*.

1879, Jan. 1. *Resumption* successfully carried out; no special demand for redemption made. Greenbacks had been at par for some weeks. The House had in 1878 passed a bill to repeal resumption.

Jan. 25. *Arrears of Pensions Act* provided that present or future Civil War pensions should begin with the date of death or service disability. Pensions had been paid to veterans and widows of the various wars from the beginning of the nation. This was the first great advance in Civil War pensions.

March 1. Veto of **Chinese Exclusion Bill** because, being contrary to the Chinese treaty, it was a breach of faith. The employment of many Chinese in the construction of the

Central Pacific Railroad began the opposition which culminated, especially in California, between 1875 and 1880 (Sandlots agitation). Their mode of living, low wages, and failure to assimilate gave strength to the feeling of racial antipathy and the harsh discriminations. Many of these discriminations were declared unconstitutional by federal courts, including those under the new constitution of California (1879).

March 3. Geological Survey authorized; special surveys had been made before.

April 29-1880, June 4. A series of seven vetoes to special acts and appropriation acts with riders by which the Democratic Congress tried to nullify the Federal Election Law. Congress yielded in the end, though Hayes agreed to a measure *forbidding* the use of the *army* as a *police force* to keep peace *at the polls*.

1880, March 8. *Hayes Doctrine* on the Isthmian Canal announced. "The policy of this country is a canal under American control. . . . An interoceanic canal . . . would be . . . virtually a part of the coast line of the United States." A French company had secured a concession from Colombia (1878) to build a canal across the Isthmus of Panama. The doctrine was at variance with the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, efforts to abrogate or ignore which continued.

June. Tenth census. Continental population 50,155,783 (43,402,970 whites, 6,580,793 negroes, 172,020 Indians and Asiatics, 6,679,943 foreign born), an increase of 30 per cent. The west north central region increased 60 per cent; the west south central states 64 per cent; the mountain region 107 per cent; the Pacific coast 65 per cent. Outlying possessions had 33,426.

Nov. 2. Twenty-fourth presidential election. Grant was the Stalwart candidate before the Republican convention; his opponents nominated J. A. Garfield (1831-1881) on the 36th ballot. C. A. Arthur (1830-1886), a Stalwart, was nominated for vice-president. The Democrats nominated Gen. W. S. Hancock and W. H. English. The Greenback party added unlimited coinage of silver to its creed. All the parties denounced further railroad land-grants. Garfield had 214 votes; Hancock 155.

Nov. 17. *Chinese Exclusion Treaty* signed, permitting the suspension of immigration of laborers.

1881, March 3. Veto of a refunding bill because, by limiting the safety funds to new 3 per cent bonds, it would prevent future national banks and increase in capital or currency of old ones.

1881, March 4–Sept. 19. **JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD** of Ohio, twentieth president; *C. A. Arthur*, vice-president; J. G. Blaine, secretary of state.

July 2. Garfield shot by a Stalwart office-seeker; + Sept. 19.

1881, Sept. 20–1885, March 4. **CHESTER ALAN ARTHUR** of New York, twenty-first president; F. T. Frelinghuysen later succeeded Blaine.

1882, March 1. Adhesion by the United States to the Geneva Conventions for the amelioration of the condition of the wounded in time of war (*Red Cross*).

1882, March 22, 1887, March 3. *Anti-polygamy Acts*, directed against the Mormons in Utah, forbade bigamy in territories. The amending act dissolved the incorporation of the Mormon Church and added other prohibitions to check Mormon control. The Supreme Court in 1890 decided that the First Amendment (freedom of religion) was not violated by this act. The Mormons professed submission to the law.

May 6. *First Chinese Exclusion Act*; immigration suspended for ten years, and admission of Chinese to citizenship forbidden. Act was renewed in 1892.

May 15. Tariff Commission authorized to study the question.

Aug. 1. River and Harbor Bill passed over a veto. These bills had become a regular institution since the Civil War and constituted the “*pork barrel*” (along with the omnibus public building acts which became prominent later) by which congressmen secured appropriations to be expended within their districts. Arthur vetoed this one because it contained so many provisions that would never promote commerce among the states or help the common defense and general welfare.

Aug. 3. *First Restricted Immigration Act*, laying a head tax of fifty cents on each alien passenger and excluding convicts, lunatics, idiots, or those likely to become public charges.

1883. Completion of *three transcontinental railroads*; the Northern Pacific (Sept. 8); connection between New Orleans and San Francisco (Jan. 15) by way of El Paso (Southern Pacific), in much the way intended by the grant to the Texas Pacific; and between the Missouri River and San Francisco

(June 1), as contemplated by the Atlantic and Pacific grant. This last line, the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé, used the Atlantic and Pacific grant west of Albuquerque. The Canadian Pacific, with connection with Chicago, was also opened.

1883. Beginning of the *new steel navy*. The policy has been maintained and increased, especially since the Spanish-American War.

Jan. 16. **Civil Service Reform Act.** The assassination of Garfield finally aroused Congress to the necessity of such a measure. A commission was authorized to aid the president by preparing and administering regulations, including rules for examinations. Under Arthur only 16,000 positions were classified.

March 3. *Tariff and Internal Revenue Act.* The surplus had become onerous; the debt, then lowered to \$1,884,000,000, could not be reduced faster except by purchase in the open market. The Tariff Commission made its recommendations, but Congress ignored them and made a haphazard reduction, while it increased the duties on protected articles still largely imported. The internal revenue duty was left on liquors and tobacco only. The surplus relief was slight and temporary.

March 3. Letter postage reduced to two cents.

March 3. Notice given of intention to terminate Canadian reciprocity in 1885.

1884, June 27. Federal *Bureau of Labor* authorized, marking the beginning of active federal interest. The great *growth of labor unions* led to many strikes and boycotts. The economic unrest was general, prosperity great but uneven. The labor question, *rapid concentration of capital* (monopolies, trusts), and railroad discriminations, caused increasing *demands for federal regulation* of matters which before the Civil War would have been considered entirely outside its powers.

Nov.-1885, Feb. Congo Conference, significant for American participation; a departure from the previous policy of isolation.

1884, Nov. 4. *Twenty-fifth presidential election.* Blaine and J. A. Logan were the Republican nominees; Grover Cleveland (1837-1908) and Hendricks the Democratic ones. The campaign was mainly personal; many Republicans (Mugwumps) supported Cleveland. The Greenback, Anti-monopoly, and Prohibitionist vote was slight. All the parties demanded

control of interstate commerce. Cleveland received 219 electoral votes, carrying New York by about 1000 popular votes; Blaine had 182.

Dec. 1. Draft Canal Treaty with Nicaragua signed. Cleveland withdrew it.

1885, Feb. 25. Act to prohibit illegal enclosure of public land, directed against the range men of the West.

Feb. 26. Importation of laborers under contract forbidden.

1885, March 4–1889, March 4. **GROVER CLEVELAND** of New York, twenty-second president; *Thomas A. Hendricks* (+ 1885, of Indiana, vice-president; T. F. Bayard, secretary of state. Cleveland was the first Democratic president in twenty-four years; but as the Senate remained Republican, no party measures were possible. He respected the classified service and raised the number to 27,000. He vetoed over 200 special pension acts but was not able to reform this abuse.

1886–1888. Canadian Fishery controversy. When reciprocity expired the fishing rights remaining under the Treaty of 1818 were checked by hostile police regulations, and vessels were seized. March 3, 1887, an act permitted the president to retaliate on Canadian trade. A treaty was signed Feb. 20, 1888, but rejected by the Senate (Aug. 21) because it granted free fish in return for the privileges given; but further trouble was prevented by a *modus vivendi*, renewed from time to time, giving privileges to licensed American vessels.

1886–1893. Bering Sea dispute. The United States, claiming a right to protect the seals on the sea, had seized Canadian pelagic sealers. An agreement with England (June 13, 1891) temporarily prohibited the fishing, and the matter was referred to arbitration (Feb. 29, 1892). On Aug. 15, 1893, the arbitrators denied the right to protect the seals beyond the three-mile limit.

1886. Jan. 19. *Presidential Succession Act*. On death, retirement, or disability of both president and vice-president the ranking eligible member of the cabinet acts as president. He must call Congress to meet within twenty days.

March 6–May 3. Strike and rioting on the Gould system of railroads, centering at St. Louis, engineered by the *Knights of Labor*, a general order which had its great growth after 1880. The failure of this strike marks its decline and the rise of the *American Federation of Labor Unions*.

- May 4. Anarchist riot in Haymarket Square, Chicago, the crisis of a movement for a general strike to compel an eight-hour day. Cleveland (April 22) sent to Congress the first special message on labor, recommending a permanent federal commission to settle controversies when possible.
- Aug. 2. Oleomargarine Tax, an early pure-food law.
- 1887, Jan. 29. Mexican War Pension Act granted \$8.00 a month to all veterans or widows if 62 years of age or disabled or dependent to a certain degree.
- Feb. 3. *Electoral Count Act* prescribed that the votes of electors certified by the state executives should be counted unless both Houses agreed to reject them.
- Feb. 4. **Interstate Commerce Act** created a commission with powers to prevent discrimination in rates, pooling, long and short haul irregularities, and other abuses, and to require publicity of tariffs; but results were disappointing for many years, as the law lacked "bite" and the courts limited its operations.
- Feb. 8. *Dawes Indian Act* for allotment of land in severalty; the land being held in trust for 25 years or longer before being patented to the holder, but this restriction was removed (May 8, 1906) in fit cases. Indians receiving patents and all others adopting civilized life become citizens. Eight thousand patents have been issued (1914) covering 860,000 acres.
- March 2. Hatch Act for the establishment of *agricultural experiment stations* in connection with the Morrill Act colleges.
- March 3. Tenure-of-Office Act repealed.
- Dec. 6. Cleveland's annual message was devoted entirely to surplus revenue and *tariff reform*, making this the issue of the next election.
- 1888, June 13. *Department of Labor* created, but not made a cabinet office; an enlargement of the existing bureau.
- July 20. Melville W. Fuller (1833-1910) succeeded Waite as chief justice.
- Oct. 1. First act for commissions of voluntary arbitration between interstate railroads and their employees. States also began to provide such boards; none of them have compulsory power. The federal policy has been continued in substitute acts of June 1, 1898, and July 15, 1913.
- Oct. 1. Chinese Exclusion Act prohibited the return of laborers who had left the country.

Nov. 6. Twenty-sixth presidential election. Cleveland and A.

G. Thurman were the Democratic candidates; Benjamin Harrison (1833-1901) and L. P. Morton the Republican ones. Tariff was the issue. Two labor parties made socialistic demands and showed the discontent of the agricultural population. Harrison had 233 votes, Cleveland 168. The corruption in this election aided the demand for an official (*Australian*) ballot, now used in all elections.

1889. *Failure of the French Panama Canal Company.* Considerable progress had been made in construction. A reorganized company attempted to carry on the work, but with little success. *Interest in the question* was steadily growing and construction of the Nicaragua Canal was attempted by an American Company but governmental aid was withheld and the attempt failed.

Feb. 9. *Department of Agriculture* made a cabinet office.

1889, March 4-1893, March 4. **BENJAMIN HARRISON** of Indiana, twenty-third president; *Levi P. Morton* of New York, vice-president; J. G. Blaine (later J. W. Foster), secretary of state. Many of the measures of his first Congress were intended to reduce the surplus.

1889, June 14. Tripartite treaty on Samoa signed with Great Britain and Germany, agreeing to the independence and neutrality of the islands and a government under joint control.

Oct. 2-1890, April 19. **First Pan-American Congress**, a meeting due primarily to Blaine. The Bureau of American Republics, later called the *Pan-American Union*, was the chief practical result.

Nov. 2. North Dakota (39th state) admitted.

Nov. 2. South Dakota (40th state) admitted.

Nov. 8. Montana (41st state) admitted.

Nov. 11. Washington (42d state) admitted.

1890-1910. Constitutional provisions by Mississippi, North Carolina, Louisiana, Alabama, South Carolina, Virginia, and Oklahoma to **restrict negro suffrage** without violating the Fifteenth Amendment. The permanent qualifications are the payment of a poll tax and an educational or property qualification, but these requirements were suspended for those registering within a specified period who were able to read or understand the constitution ("*understanding clause*") or were vet-

erans, or descendants of veterans, of the Civil War on either side, or voters, or descendants of those who were voters, before 1867 ("*grandfather clause*"). The Supreme Court in 1915 declared the "*grandfather clause*" of Oklahoma unconstitutional. General educational qualifications have been introduced in other states.

1890, Feb. 14. New (Reed) rules in the House of Representatives to prevent filibustering, authorized counting in the quorum those present but not voting; the most important change in procedure since the adoption of the "*previous question*" in the House in 1811.

May 2. Oklahoma Territory created out of a part of Indian Territory. The territory had been opened to settlement on April 22, when there was a wild rush to preëempt claims.

June. Eleventh census. Continental population 62,947,714 (55,101,258 whites, 7,488,676 negroes, 357,780 Indians and Asiatics, 9,249,547 foreign born), an increase of 26 per cent. The west north central region increased 45 per cent; the west south central region 42 per cent; the mountain region 86 per cent; the Pacific coast 69 per cent. Outlying possessions had 32,052.

June 27. **Disability and Dependent Pension Act** granted from \$6 to \$12 a month to any Civil War veteran who was disabled from manual labor necessary for his support; also to dependent widows and children. Pension expenditures amounting to \$87,000,000 in 1889 rose to an average of \$140,000,000. Pension administration was much criticised during this period.

July 2. The House passed a force bill to protect negro voters in the South; shelved in the Senate by Republican votes.

July 2. **Sherman Anti-Trust Act** declared illegal combinations in restraint of interstate or foreign trade. Action under it was slow in developing.

July 3. Idaho (43d state) admitted.

July 10. Wyoming (44th state) admitted.

July 14. **Silver Purchase Act**; a compromise for the purchase each month of 4,500,000 ounces of silver and issue of legal tender treasury notes in payment. It repealed the Bland Act. Under the earlier act and this one certificates and notes to the value of \$490,000,000 were issued. Public faith required

that these notes be redeemed in gold, and being reissued they became in time of stringency an endless chain for depleting the Treasury of its gold reserve.

Aug. 8. Original Package Act to prevent the importation of liquor into prohibition states.

Aug. 30. Act for the federal inspection of salt pork and bacon intended for export; caused by foreign (especially German) prohibitions on American meats. President authorized to prohibit importations from a nation discriminating unjustly against American products.

Aug. 30. Act for an annual appropriation to Morrill agricultural colleges.

Sept. 29. Act forfeiting all unearned railroad land-grants. Several earlier particular acts had been passed, including the forfeit of portions of the Texas-Pacific (1885) and Atlantic and Pacific (1886) grants. Some 155,000,000 acres were granted, but only about 117,000,000 acres have been patented.

Oct. 1. Weather Bureau established; previously work had been done by the Signal Corps.

Oct. 1. McKinley Tariff Act; a strong protective measure which reduced the revenue by prohibitive duties and by placing raw sugar on the free list. A bounty was granted domestic producers of sugar. Limited reciprocity with Latin America was provided. The immediate effect was Republican loss of the next House.

1891, March 2. Return to the states of the direct taxes paid under the act of 1861; a surplus revenue distribution.

March 3. International Copyright Law enacted.

March 3. Act repealing the preëmption and timber culture acts; also authorizing the president to make forest reserves. Harrison and Cleveland reserved over 60,000 square miles and in 1915 there were 162 forests covering 288,000 square miles.

March 3. Circuit Courts of Appeals authorized, with final jurisdiction in certain cases, thus relieving the Supreme Court.

March 3. Act to regulate immigration made additions to the excluded classes.

March 3. Ocean Mail Subsidy Act permitted special contracts for carrying the foreign mail on American ships capable

of being converted into cruisers. The purpose of the act was to encourage American ships in the foreign trade; but results have been small.

Oct. 16. *Attack on American sailors by a mob in Valparaiso.* War was imminent, but Chile apologized (Jan. 25, 1892) and paid an indemnity.

1892, June-Aug. A period of fierce industrial strikes and rioting in various parts of the country.

Nov. 8. Twenty-seventh presidential election. Harrison and Whitelaw Reid, Cleveland and Stevenson, were the candidates of the principal parties, and tariff the issue. The People's (Populist) party denounced the prevalence of corruption, monopolies and unearned increment; demanded a national currency, no bank notes, free silver, increase in circulation, graduated income tax, postal savings banks, public ownership, and land holdings by actual citizen settlers only; and nominated J. B. Weaver. Cleveland had 277 votes, Harrison 145, Weaver 22.

1893, Feb. 14. *Annexation treaty with Hawaii* signed. The queen had been deposed. Cleveland withdrew the treaty (March 9) and tried to restore the queen, but she refused the conditions imposed; so he recognized the independence of the republic (Aug. 7, 1894).

March 1. Appointment of ambassadors authorized.

March 2. Safety Appliance Act prescribed certain brakes and couplers on interstate trains; later amended and enlarged.

March 3. *Dawes Commission* to the Five Civilized Tribes authorized. It existed until 1905 and carried out its difficult task successfully and justly; tribal governments were dissolved, the land allotted in severalty, and the Indians became citizens of Oklahoma.

1893, March 4-1897, March 4. **GROVER CLEVELAND**, second administration; *Adlai E. Stevenson* of Illinois, vice-president; W. Q. Gresham (later Richard Olney), secretary of state. For the first time since 1859 the Democrats controlled both the executive and legislative departments. Harrison had raised the number in the classified civil service to 43,000; Cleveland increased it to 82,000; McKinley made no additions, but under Roosevelt and Taft the classified service grew to about 292,000.

1893, May-Oct. World Columbian Exposition at Chicago to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. It marked a great advance in American architecture and sculpture.

June 27. **Panic** began, due immediately to the fear of a silver standard. Silver fell rapidly and the gold reserve in the Treasury was steadily **drained**, falling to \$66,000,000 by the end of the year. Cleveland called a special session of Congress to meet on Aug. 7. Industrial depression for several years and a deficit revenue followed the panic.

Nov. 1. **Repeal** of the purchase section of the **Silver Act** of 1890. The free-silver advocates in the Senate fought off the repeal as long as possible.

1894, Feb.-1896, Feb. *Sale of bonds* to replenish the gold reserve; \$262,000,000 in gold was bought from syndicates and by a popular issue. The drain stopped after the election of 1896. There was much opposition to the sale.

1894, Feb.-June. Mining strikes in many states and demonstrations of the unemployed (Coxey's Army). Panic, silver agitation, and labor troubles were all symptoms of the economic and social tumult that had been indicated by the Populist party's platform in 1892.

Feb. 8. *Repeal of the Federal Election Law*.

March 17. *Chinese Exclusion Treaty* signed, absolutely prohibiting immigration of laborers, with certain exceptions. The treaty expired in 1904, but exclusion has continued under the acts of Congress.

March 30. Veto of a bill to coin the seigniorage of the purchased silver bullion.

June 26-July 13. **American Railroad Union strike** extended from Chicago all over the West to the Pacific coast, and quickly developed into rioting, for which conditions were favorable. The federal courts issued injunctions to restrain interference with interstate commerce and the mails, and the leaders were arrested for contempt (*government by injunction*). Cleveland, without waiting for a request by the governor, *sent federal troops* to Chicago (July 3); they were the main instrument in suppressing the riots. Strike failed. The Supreme Court in 1895 upheld both the injunctions and Cleveland's action.

Aug. 18. Carey Act granted to a state such desert lands within it, up to 1,000,000 acres, as it should cause to be

irrigated and occupied by actual settlers. Some 3,500,000 acres have been segregated but only a small portion patented.

Aug. 27. **Wilson-Gorman Tariff Act** was so distinctly a protective measure that Cleveland let it become a law without his signature. It kept the duty on all raw materials except wool and lumber, and restored the duty on sugar, removing the bounty. Reciprocity was repealed. An **income tax** was added; but the Supreme Court in 1895 declared it **unconstitutional** because not apportioned as a direct tax, though the court had previously upheld the war-time tax.

1895-1896. **Venezuela-British Guiana boundary controversy** was of long standing and England refused to arbitrate. Olney's dispatch of July 20, 1895, was an extreme interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine, which he considered involved in the question. He declared that the United States "is practically sovereign on this continent and its fiat is law upon the subjects to which it confines its interposition" (*Olney Doctrine*). Cleveland sent a message to Congress (Dec. 17) asking for a commission to determine the rights of the controversy, saying it was "the duty of the United States to resist . . . the appropriation . . . of any . . . territory which after investigation we have determined of right belongs to Venezuela." Such a commission was authorized (Dec. 21), but England and Venezuela agreed to arbitrate (Feb. 2, 1897). The award gave most of the territory to Guiana. England's change was partly due to conditions in South Africa. Cleveland's underlying purpose has never been disclosed.

1895, Feb. Outbreak of insurrection in Cuba.

1896. *Rural free delivery* began in an experimental way, and rapidly developed over the whole country.

Jan. 4. Utah (45th state) admitted. The constitution prohibited polygamy.

Nov. 3. **Twenty-eighth presidential election.** Wm. McKinley (1843-1901) and G. A. Hobart were nominated by the Republicans, who supported the single gold standard. Silver Republicans bolted. The Democrats demanded the unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1, and nominated W. J. Bryan and Arthur Sewall. Populists ratified Bryan's nomination and Silver Republicans supported him. Gold Democrats made separate nominations but mainly supported McKinley. McKinley received 271 votes, Bryan 176.

1897, Jan. 11. General Arbitration Treaty with Great Britain signed. The Senate mutilated then rejected it (May 5).

March 2. *Veto* of a bill for a *literacy test for immigrants*.

1897, March 4–1901, Sept. 14. **WILLIAM MCKINLEY** of Ohio, twenty-fourth (twenty-fifth) president; *Garret A. Hobart* (+1899) of New Jersey, vice-president; John Sherman, secretary of state; *John Hay* (1838–1905) became secretary in 1898. Republicans also regained control of Congress.

1897, July 24. **Dingley Tariff Act**, a special session having been called to enact it. It preserved and augmented the protection and also provided for a necessary increase in the revenue. Duty was restored on wool and lumber and increased on raw sugar. Reciprocity treaties were authorized.

XII. WORLD POWER AND ECONOMIC REGULATIONS, 1898–1916

1898, **SPANISH WAR**. The insurrection in Cuba was a guerilla affair accompanied by much devastation and suffering. Neither side could make progress, and American interests and sympathies were greatly involved; but Spain refused to accept mediation.

Feb. 15. U.S.S. **Maine** blown up in Havana Harbor by a mine.

April 11. McKinley asked Congress for power to intervene.

April 20. Resolution of Congress *recognized the independence of the people of Cuba, authorized intervention, and disclaimed any intention to annex the island*.

April 24, 25. Formal declarations of war. The *army* administration was wretched; the losses by disease in the total force of 275,000 were 2,485; the deaths by wounds only 318. The efficiency of the *navy* was in marked contrast.

May 1. The fleet under *George Dewey* destroyed the Spanish fleet in *Manila Bay* and held Manila at its mercy. Troops were sent out and the city captured (Aug. 13).

July 1. Fleet under *W. T. Sampson* destroyed Adm. Cervera's fleet in its attempt to dash from *Santiago Harbor* in Cuba. Meanwhile an army (16,000) under W. R. Shafter landed near *Santiago* (June 22), and received the surrender of the place (July 17). Another force under N. A. Miles occupied Porto Rico. Peace protocol was signed on Aug. 12.

Dec. 10. **Treaty of Peace.** Spain *retired from Cuba, ceded Porto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines* to the United States, and was paid \$20,000,000. Cuba was placed under military rule, and a commission sent (Jan. 20, 1899) to study conditions in the Philippines. The *cost of the war* was met by excise taxes, an impost on tea, and the issue of \$200,000,000 bonds.

These war taxes were repealed April 12, 1902.

July 1. **Fourth Federal Bankruptcy Act**; still in force.

July 7. **Hawaii** annexed by joint resolution. Territorial government was established, April 30, 1900.

1899-1902. **Philippine Insurrection** began with an attack on Manila (Feb. 4) and continued as an organized resistance for a year and then by guerrilla tactics. *Aguinaldo*, the leader, was captured (March 23, 1901), the insurrection suppressed by April 1902, and amnesty proclaimed July 4.

1899, July 29. **First Hague Conventions** signed for a permanent court of arbitration (Hague Tribunal) and regulation of land warfare.

Sept. 6. **Open Door policy** in China. Hay obtained assurance that powers with leased territory there would not interfere with free commerce or vested interests.

Dec. 2. **Treaty on Samoa** signed; islands divided between the United States and Germany.

1900. **Boxer Rising** in China, a protest against drastic reforms and foreign interference. Missionaries were murdered and the foreign legations besieged at Peking (June 20). An international relief expedition reached Peking on Aug. 14. The protocol (Sept. 7) required reforms and the payment of a huge indemnity; the United States restored a large portion of its share (1908).

March 14. **Gold Standard Act**, with provision for increase in national bank notes.

March 16. **Second Philippine Commission** of five appointed, *W. H. Taft* (b. 1857) governor. It gradually displaced the military government and exercised legislative and executive authority. Three Filipinos were added to it.

April 12. Territorial government for Porto Rico. Free trade with the states began on July 25, 1901.

June. **Twelfth census.** Outlying territory 716,081 square miles, an increase of 21 per cent. Continental population 75,994,575 (66,809,196 whites, 8,333,994 negroes, 351,385 Indians

and Asiatics, 10,341,276 foreign born), an increase of 21 per cent. The west south central region increased 38 per cent; the mountain region 38 per cent; the Pacific coast 28 per cent.

Outlying territory had 8,800,000.

June 6. Civil code and government for Alaska.

Nov. 6. Twenty-ninth presidential election. McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt (b. 1858) were opposed by Bryan and Stevenson. Silver and imperialism were the issues. Six minor parties made nominations. McKinley had 292 votes, Bryan 155.

1901, March 2. **Platt Amendment on Cuba** established a *virtual protectorate*. The conditions were embodied in the Cuban constitution (June 12) and the American occupation ended on May 20, 1902.

May 27. *Insular decisions* of the Supreme Court established the status of outlying territory as under general laws until Congress legislated especially for it.

Sept. 6. *McKinley shot* by an anarchist; + Sept. 14.

1901, Sept 14–1909, March 4. **THEODORE ROOSEVELT** of New York, twenty-fifth (twenty-sixth) president; *Elihu Root*, secretary of war from 1899 to 1904, succeeded Hay in 1905, and *Taft* became secretary of war in 1904.

1901, Oct. 22–1902, Jan. 31. Second Pan-American Congress at Mexico.

1901, Nov. 18. **Hay-Pauncefote Treaty** signed, abrogating the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

1902, Jan. 24. Danish West Indies Purchase Treaty signed; rejected by the Rigsdag (Oct. 22).

May–Oct. Strike of anthracite coal miners threatened a coal famine. Roosevelt, acting unofficially, forced the employers to arbitrate with the union.

June 17. *Newlands Reclamation Act* established a fund to be used in construction and maintenance of **irrigation** works for arid lands. By 1915 twenty-seven projects were completed or in process, including great storage reservoirs.

June 28. **Isthmian Canal Act**. The French Panama rights were acquired (\$40,000,000), and a treaty signed with Colombia (Jan. 22, 1903), but her Congress rejected it.

July 1. *Philippine Government Act* confirmed the commission as established and provided for a future *bicameral legis-*

lature of elected delegates and the commissioners. The first assembly met on Oct. 16, 1907.

Dec. *Coercion of Venezuela* by European nations to force the payment of *private claims*. Roosevelt refused to protect Venezuela against her liabilities but would not countenance the occupation of territory.

Dec. 11. Reciprocity treaty with Cuba signed, but the Senate prevented operation until Dec. 17, 1903.

1903, Jan. 21. *Dick Militia Law* provided for the optional federalization of state troops.

Feb. 11. Expediting Act to give precedence to anti-trust and interstate-commerce cases.

Feb. 14. *Department of Commerce and Labor* created as a cabinet office; Bureau of Corporations to investigate companies engaged in foreign or interstate commerce, excluding common carriers. Active investigations and *suits against trusts* began, and continued especially during Taft's administration.

Feb. 19. Elkins Act forbade railroad *rebates*.

March 3. Immigrant head-tax increased to \$2; additions made to the excluded classes and more stringent regulations.

An amending act (Feb. 20, 1907) increased the tax to \$4. The character of **immigration** changed greatly after 1880; there was a large increase in Jews, Italians, and Slavs, not so easily assimilated and who congregated in the industrial centers. The size of immigration increased largely also; in 1881-1910 almost 18,000,000 were admitted, but many of these did not become *permanent residents*. In 1911-1915 4,500,000 immigrants arrived, but 1,500,000 departed.

July 4. American trans-Pacific cable opened.

Oct. 20. *Alaskan boundary decision* by a joint tribunal excluded Canada from the sea-coast at all points.

Nov. 3. **Revolt of Panama**; independence declared. United States troops were landed to prevent hostilities and on Nov. 6 independence was recognized by Roosevelt.

Nov. 18. **Canal Treaty with Panama** signed. The United States guaranteed the independence of Panama, was granted a strip of land five miles wide on each side of the canal line (*Canal Zone*), a perpetual monopoly of transit across Panama, right to oversee the health and police of Panama City and Colon and to provide armed protection for the canal,

and promised to pay Panama \$10,000,000 and also \$250,000 a year after 1912.

1904, March 14. *Northern Securities Case*; the Supreme Court declared that a holding corporation for two competing railroads was a violation of the Anti-Trust Law.

April 30. Louisiana Purchase Exposition opened at St. Louis.

Nov. 8. Thirtieth presidential election. Roosevelt and *C. W. Fairbanks* were opposed by A. B. Parker and H. G.

Davis. Roosevelt and trusts were the issues. Four minor parties presented candidates; the Socialist vote increased fourfold. Roosevelt had 336 votes, Parker 140.

1905, Feb. 7. Convention with *Santo Domingo* signed; the

United States to adjust Dominican obligations, take *charge of the customs*, and set aside a certain amount to pay the adjusted claims. This was a *virtual protectorate*, assumed to prevent a recurrence of the Venezuelan coercion episode. It went into effect at once although the Senate did not approve until Feb. 25, 1907.

June 8. Roosevelt's good offices for ending the Russo-Japanese War offered and accepted (June 10, 12), and treaty of peace signed at Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 5.

1906-1913. Japanese exclusion controversy raised by California, due to objections similar to those to the Chinese. Japan voluntarily agreed to restrict passports to laborers, and Congress (Feb. 20, 1907) excluded aliens coming "to the detriment of labor conditions" who did not have proper *passports*. In 1913 California passed a law forbidding the *ownership of agricultural land* by aliens not eligible for citizenship, unless such restriction violated treaties. Japan's protests are mainly extra-legal, based on national honor.

1906, June 11. Employers' Liability Act; applicable to common carriers. Amended April 22, 1908.

June 29. Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization established, and uniform rules for naturalization prescribed.

June 29. Act authorizing a *lock canal* at Panama.

June 29. Hepburn Act gave the Interstate Commerce Commission power over pipe lines (oil), express companies, sleeping-car companies, and private freight lines; prohibited passes and transportation of products mined or produced by the transporting line (coal lines); and gave the Commission power to determine *maximum rates*.

- June 30. *Meat Inspection Act* provided for federal supervision of the packing plants.
- June 30. *Pure-Food Law* forbade the manufacture of adulterated or misbranded drugs or foods in territories and interstate or foreign commerce in them.
- July 21-Aug. 26. Third Pan-American Congress at Rio de Janeiro. *Drago (Calvo) Doctrine*, denying the right of intervention to collect contract claims of subjects or citizens, considered.
- Sept. 29. Control over Cuba resumed because of disturbances. Order being restored and a new government inaugurated (Jan. 28, 1909), officials and troops again withdrew.
- 1907, Jan. 26. Act prohibiting *political contributions by corporations*.
- Feb. 6. Graduated age pension for Mexican and Civil War veterans of 62 and over, following an executive order making 62 years a pensionable disability. The pension was increased May 11, 1912, and service graduation added.
- Oct. 18. Conventions of the *Second Hague Conference* signed, regulating land, sea, and aerial warfare, and giving a limited sanction to the Drago Doctrine.
- Nov. 16. Oklahoma (46th state) admitted. It included the rest of Indian Territory.
- Dec.-1909, Feb. Voyage around the world of sixteen American battleships; a peaceful display of force possibly influenced by Japanese relations.
- 1908-1909. Twenty *general arbitration treaties* signed. They required that disputes should be referred to the Hague Tribunal, providing they did not affect the "vital interests, the independence, or the honor" of the two nations, and subject to the approval of the Senate in each case. Some of them have since been renewed. This is the only kind of a general arbitration treaty to which the Senate has been willing to consent.
- 1908, Feb. 3. Danbury Hatters' Case; the Supreme Court declared that the *Anti-Trust Act* covered labor combinations.
- May 30. Act to provide a flexible bank currency; an outcome of the bank panic and stringency in 1907.
- Nov. 3. Thirty-first presidential election. Taft and Sherman received the Republican nominations; Bryan and J. W.

Kern the Democratic ones. Both parties promised tariff and trust reform; the real issue was the continuation of the Roosevelt régime in the person of his chosen successor. Five minor parties made nominations. Taft had 321 votes, Bryan 162.

Dec. 1. Exchange of *notes with Japan* on common policy for "free and peaceful development of their commerce on the Pacific Ocean," respect for each other's territorial possessions, and the integrity of China.

1909, Jan. 27. **Canadian Fisheries Treaty** signed, submitting to the Hague Tribunal the rights under the Treaty of 1818. The award (Sept. 7, 1910) upheld the British right to make *police regulations* providing they were equitable, but gave American fishermen the right to *enter ports* without formality, and regulated the *three-mile exclusion* in relation to *bays*.

Feb. 19. Enlarged Homestead Act permitted entry of 320 acres of grazing land not susceptible of irrigation.

Feb. 26. *Declaration of London* promulgated a code of naval warfare, but it has been ignored in the European War.

1909, March 4–1913, March 4. **WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT** of Ohio, twenty-sixth (twenty-seventh) president; *James S. Sherman* (+1912) of New York, vice-president; P. C. Knox, secretary of state.

July 13. **Sixteenth Amendment**, permitting an *unapportioned income tax*, submitted to states. In force, Feb. 25, 1913.

Aug. 5. **Payne-Aldrich Tariff Act**, though professedly a reform measure, made little change in the protection. Maximum and minimum rates took the place of reciprocity. An income tax was laid on corporations. A nonpartisan *Tariff Board* was created which existed until 1912 and made scientific investigations and reports on various schedules.

1909–1911. Ballinger-Pinchot controversy as to whether Sec.

Ballinger was cognizant of the illegal securing by big mining companies of public coal-lands in Alaska. The illegal exploitation of public lands by private companies took various forms, and the many laws passed to prevent this had in a large measure been ineffectual. This fact, the exhaustion of free land arable under ordinary conditions, and the realization that the resources of the nation were being depleted gave rise to the **conservation** movement for the proper regulation of the use of the public lands, forests, minerals, water, etc. Many com-

missions and societies have studied the question and the trend of national legislation, though not without much opposition, has been along the line of keeping the resources in public hands with private use through leases or limited operations.

1910, March 15-19. *Progressive insurgency in Congress* culminated in a revolt in the House which changed the rules and diminished the Speaker's power. This, the tariff, and the Ballinger-Pinchot affair were elements in giving the *Democrats control* of the next House (1911), the first since 1895.

May 16. Bureau of Mines established.

June. Thirteenth census. Continental population 91,972,266 (81,731,957 whites, 9,827,763 negroes, 412,546 Indians and Asiatics, 13,515,886 foreign born), an increase of 21 per cent. The middle Atlantic states increased 25 per cent; the west south central states 35 per cent; the mountain region 57 per cent; the Pacific coast 74 per cent. Outlying territory had about 10,000,000.

June 18. *Mann-Elkins Act*. Commerce Court created to have circuit court jurisdiction over interstate-commerce cases. Interstate Commerce Act enlarged to include telegraph, telephone, and cable companies, and the Commission given power to suspend new tariffs pending investigation. Commerce Court was abolished on Dec. 31, 1913.

June 22, 1912, Aug. 24. Acts permitting surface agricultural location on coal or oil lands, the mining rights being reserved for special location.

1910, June 25. Act authorizing the president to withdraw from entry any public lands and reserve them for power-sites, irrigation works, or other purposes.

June 25. *Postal Savings Banks Act*; post-offices to receive limited amounts on deposit.

June 25, 1911, Aug. 19. Acts requiring *publicity of political contributions* in federal primary and election campaigns, and limiting the amount congressional candidates might spend. The states have similar laws in relation to state candidates. The *primary election* has of recent years been adopted by many of the states as a substitute for nominating conventions, and it includes election of delegates to national conventions and preferential voting on presidential candidates.

1910, July 21-Aug. 30. Fourth Pan-American Congress at Buenos Aires. Various scientific, sanitary, and financial

congresses have also been held, all showing the tendency towards an *all-American public opinion* and policy as a substitute for the unilateral Monroe Doctrine.

Dec. 19. Edward D. White (b. 1845) succeeded Fuller as chief justice.

1911–1916. **MEXICAN CONTROVERSY.** Madero in 1911 overthrew Diaz. A revolt against Madero (1912) caused Taft to prohibit the export of war supplies (March 14). Madero was overthrown and assassinated (Feb. 22, 1913), and *Huerta* assumed control, but *Wilson refused to recognize him*. The disturbances continued, and American lives and property were destroyed; but no satisfactory agreement could be reached that would eliminate Huerta and ensure a stable government. Huerta refused to salute the American flag after an incident at Tampico (April 9, 1914), so Congress (April 22) authorized the president to employ force to secure “amends for certain affronts and indignities,” and Vera Cruz had already been occupied (April 21). The mediation of the ambassadors of Argentina, Brazil, and Chile (*A.B.C. powers*) was accepted, and on June 24 a protocol was signed ignoring the flag demand, but providing for *Huerta’s withdrawal* and a provisional government satisfactory to the contending Mexican factions, which the United States agreed to recognize. Huerta retired from Mexico (July 20) and his chief opponent, *Carranza*, succeeded him (Aug. 20). Carranza was recognized (Oct. 19) and the troops withdrawn from Vera Cruz (Nov. 23), but peace did not result. *Villa*, Carranza’s general, refused to recognize his chief and continued the war, which became a guerrilla affair. On March 9, 1916, he *attacked Columbus, N.M.*, and American troops were sent into Mexico to chase him down. They remained there, although not successful in their purpose and in spite of Mexican demands for their withdrawal and clashes with Carranza’s troops. On June 18 Wilson ordered the militia to mobilize for service on the border; the slowness and difficulties with which it was accomplished showed once more the inefficiency of the militia, as constituted, for emergencies. A joint commission of six began on Sept. 6 to consider the controversy and possible remedies.

1911, March 1. Act to purchase land for *forest reserves in the eastern states* in order to protect the watersheds of navigable rivers.

- May 15. **Standard Oil Case.** The Supreme Court ordered the trust dissolved but decided that monopolies must be "unreasonable or undue restraints" of trade to be illegal under the Anti-Trust Law (*rule of reason*). The dissolution of several other trusts and mergers has followed.
- June 6. Commercial *protectorate over Nicaragua* established (Dollar diplomacy), though the Senate has never acted on the convention.
- July 7. *Fur Seal Convention* with England, Russia, and Japan signed, prohibiting pelagic sealing and proportionating the legitimate catch.
- July 26. Act for *reciprocity with Canada*, but Canada *rejected* it on imperialistic grounds.
- Dec. 17. Taft abrogated the commercial treaty with Russia as a protest against her treatment of American Jews. Congress (Dec. 21) ratified the notice.
- 1912, Jan. 6. New Mexico (47th state) admitted.
- Feb. 14. Arizona (48th state) admitted. Taft had prevented admission until the provision for judicial recall was cut out of the constitution. In recent years legislative and executive reform movements have caused the adoption in about half of the states of the *initiative* (popular proposal of legislation or constitutional amendment), *referendum* (requiring popular sanction of a law before it becomes operative), and *recall* (vote on the removal of an official before his term has expired).
- May 15. **Seventeenth Amendment** for *popular election of senators* submitted to the states. In force, May 31, 1913.
- June 19. Eight-hour day prescribed for all work done for the United States or its territories.
- Aug. 24. *Parcel post* authorized; in force Jan. 1, 1913.
- Aug. 24. Act for **operating the Panama Canal**. It exempted from *tolls* vessels engaged in the United States coastwise trade, and prohibited railroad ownership of a competing water carrier operating either through the canal or elsewhere. The coastwise exemption was repealed (June 15, 1914) as being contrary to the neutralization of the canal.
- Aug. 24. Alaska granted a legislature.
- Nov. 5. *Thirty-second presidential election*. Roosevelt was a candidate against Taft at the election of delegates to the Republican convention, and claiming that his delegates had been deprived of their seats, led a secession which organized

the Progressive party. Sherman was the Republican candidate for vice-president, H. W. Johnson the Progressive. The Democrats nominated Wilson (b. 1856) and Marshall. Aside from the personal equation, the issue was the efficiency of the various remedies proposed for the high cost of living. Wilson received 6,293,000 popular votes, Roosevelt 4,169,000, Taft 3,442,000; the Socialists polled over 900,000. Wilson had 435 electoral votes, Roosevelt 88, Taft 8.

1913, Feb. 14. Second veto of a literacy test for immigrants.

March 1. Act prohibiting shipment of liquors to a prohibition state passed over a veto. In recent years prohibition has advanced rapidly; 19 states are or become "dry" in 1916 and in 18 others local option prohibits in portions. Efforts are being made for a federal constitutional amendment.

March 4. *Department of Labor* created as a cabinet office.

1913, March 4-X. **WOODROW WILSON** of New Jersey (a Southerner by birth), twenty-seventh (twenty-eighth) president; *Thomas R. Marshall* of Indiana, vice-president; W. J. Bryan (later Robert Lansing), secretary of state. The *Democrats controlled* both Congress and the presidency for the first time since 1895.

1913, March 18. Wilson announced his disapproval of American bankers' participation, under governmental request, in the Six (Five) Power Loan to China, another of Taft's "dollar diplomacy" measures. The Americans withdrew.

1913-1914. General *peace treaties* signed with thirty nations, but not including Germany. They forbade war until after a commission of inquiry had reported on the facts of the dispute. Not all of them are yet in force.

1913, Oct. 3. **Underwood Tariff Act**, a Democratic measure designed to make reductions "without destroying legitimate industry." Free list extended not only to raw materials and food stuffs but also to some important manufactures. A graduated income tax on persons imposed and the tax on corporations retained. Free sugar was postponed, and later (April 27, 1916) repealed because of the need of revenue.

Dec. 23. **Federal Reserve Act** put national banks into compulsory membership of a district reserve bank (12 districts). *Federal reserve notes* authorized, based on prime rediscount paper, with provision for elasticity and redemption reserve, and substitution for national bank notes.

- 1914, March 9. Federal Alaskan Railroad authorized; being built between Seward and Fairbanks, 471 miles.
- April 7. *Draft treaty with Colombia* signed, expressing *regret for the Panama occurrence* and paying \$25,000,000, Colombia recognizing the independence of Panama. The Senate has not ratified the treaty. Several earlier attempts to end the controversy have been rejected by Colombia.
- Aug. 5. Treaty with Nicaragua signed; \$3,000,000 paid for control of her canal route and certain strategic islands.
- Aug. 15. **Opening of the Panama Canal.** The construction (\$350,000,000) was a great achievement both of engineering (*Goethals*) and sanitation (*Gorgas*). During 1915 the canal was temporarily closed by slides.
- Sept. 26. *Federal Trade Commission* created to take over the work of the Bureau of Corporations and to prevent unfair methods of competition in interstate and foreign commerce, except by banks or common carriers.
- Oct. 15. **Clayton Anti-Trust Act** declared unlawful in interstate commerce certain discriminations in prices between different purchasers, agreements not to use the goods of competitors, acquirement by a corporation of stock in a competitor, and interlocking banking or commercial directorates. It placed a *limitation on injunctions* in labor disputes, regulated trial for contempt, and *exempted* from anti-trust laws *labor and agricultural organizations*.
- Oct. 20. Act for leasing of coal lands in Alaska.
- Oct. 22. Emergency internal revenue act, made necessary by the effect of the European War on federal revenue.
- 1915, Jan. 12. Defeat in the House of a woman-suffrage amendment. Women now have complete suffrage in 11 states, in one other they vote on local and federal officers, and in 20 others they have school or other partial suffrage.
- Jan. 28. Third veto of a literacy test for immigrants.
- March 4. LaFollette Seamen Act prescribed improved conditions for seamen in American merchant marine, forbade arrest for desertion, and included a provision to prevent Asiatic crews.
- Sept. 16. Treaty with *Haiti* signed, establishing a *practical protectorate*.
- 1916, June 3. *Army Reorganization Act* increased the regular

army to a peace footing of 200,000, provided for the required federalization of the militia, and for a reserve officers' training corps. Provision for a volunteer army was rejected. This was one of the **preparedness** measures, due to conditions growing out of the European War. Camps and cruises for training civilians were features during the summer.

July 11. *Good Roads Act* appropriated \$85,000,000 to be spent in five years by the federal government on condition of the states spending equal amounts. Apportionment based on population and length of rural delivery and stage mail routes.

July 17. *Rural Credits Act* provided for the establishment of 12 banks of private and government-held stock, authorized to lend money to farmers on long-time mortgages.

Aug. 4. Treaty signed for the purchase of the *Danish West Indies* (\$25,000,000); ratified by the Senate (Sept. 7), but not yet by Denmark.

Aug. 29. *Philippine Government Act* abolished the Commission and substituted a legislature with both houses popularly elected and having control over all executive departments except that of education. Franchise greatly extended. Governor-General, vice-governor (head of the department of education), justices of the Supreme Court, and auditors still appointed by the president of the United States; the governor-general's veto and the general federal jurisdiction retained. The *Clarke amendment*, promising *independence* within four years, a prominent Democratic measure, was eliminated.

Aug. 29. Naval Appropriation Act, a further preparedness measure, established a *three-year building programme* of 157 war vessels of various classes, an armor-plate plant, and projectile-factory.

Sept. 1. *Child Labor Act* excluded from interstate commerce, after a year, the products of mines, quarries, or factories in which children under 16 (or 14) were employed.

Sept. 3. *Adamson Eight-hour Law*. The trainmen on steam railroads threatening a nation-wide strike and refusing to arbitrate, Congress, under Wilson's advice, enacted that from Jan. 1, 1917, the basis of payment for a day's run on interstate roads should be eight hours, without reduction of the existing standard day's wage. Commission to study the effect of the law.

Sept. 7. Workmen's Compensation Act provided for a general system of payment for injuries or death of federal employees. Hitherto only about one third of the employees had been compensated. This is a phase of a nation-wide movement which began in 1910. Thirty-five states had such laws for private employees in 1916.

Sept. 7. *Ship Purchase Act* created a United States Shipping Board with power to build vessels, or to buy or lease vessels not engaged in American trade or belonging to belligerent nations, suitable for naval auxiliaries, and lease them for operation by private capital in ocean commerce. Failing this, the *Board could operate them* as a government venture, such government operation to cease within five years of the end of the European War. The Board was given regulatory authority over water carriers in ocean or Great Lakes interstate commerce.

Sept. 8. Emergency Revenue Act, substituted for the 1914 one, was intended to provide means for the various preparedness measures. The regular annual appropriations for 1917 were \$1,350,000,000, about \$380,000,000 greater than those of the previous year (\$655,000,000 for army and navy). The act increased the income tax; provided inheritance taxes; tax on munitions and copper; a high tariff on dyestuffs, to encourage this industry; a *tariff commission* to investigate all matters in relation to the subject; and a measure, optional with the president, of trade retaliation for the blacklists and extra-legal blockade of Great Britain and her allies.

Nov. 7. *Thirty-third presidential election*. Wilson and Marshall were renominated by the Democrats; Charles E. Hughes and Fairbanks by the Republicans; Roosevelt, declining the Progressive nomination, supported Hughes. Foreign policy was the chief issue. The election was very close; subject to a recount in several states. Wilson had about 276 votes, Hughes 255.

1914-1916. EUROPEAN WAR. On the outbreak (Aug. 1-4)

Wilson issued proclamations of neutrality. The *problems of American neutrality* resulted mainly from the fact that international law as established does not take into account the conditions due to *new modes of warfare*, especially the *submarine and marine mines*, and their effect upon *blockade and capture of belligerent merchantmen*.

1914, Sept. 21 and later. *British* orders in council greatly *extending* the list of *contraband*.

Nov. 3. England declared the North Sea a mined military area.

Dec. 26. Protest to England against seizures and detention and requisition of American cargoes destined to neutral ports (continuous voyage).

1915, Feb. 4. Germany declared all the waters around the British Isles a zone of war within which all enemy merchant vessels would be destroyed and neutral vessels exposed to danger through mistaken identity.

March 1. England and France prohibited all commercial intercourse between their enemies and other nations; neutrals would be reimbursed for property not *contraband*.

March 5, 30. Protests against this order, since *no blockade* had been declared or maintained, and it covered trade between neutral ports. The controversy continues and has been augmented by the retention and search of mails and blacklisting of American firms.

March 8. *Falaba*, a British merchantman, sunk by a German submarine; an *American passenger killed*.

April 28. *Gulflight*, an *American steamer* bound for France, *torpedoed* by a submarine, killing some of the crew.

May 7. *Lusitania*; a British liner, sunk without warning; 124 Americans among the 1198 lost. The *United States protested* against the decree of Feb. 4, under which these and other vessels were sunk, because contrary to the *freedom of the high seas* and the *rights* of Americans to *travel thereon* in accordance with established international law. *Germany upheld* the warfare as a measure of *retaliation* and because it was impossible for submarines to take off crews and passengers; surprised attack was a necessary feature of submarine action; the *neutrals* had been *warned* of their danger; the right of *self-preservation* sanctioned the destruction of *vessels carrying war materials*; the United States *refused* to put an *embargo* on the *export of war supplies* and had *tolerated British* illegal restrictions on American trade with Germany. The long exchange of notes was complicated by the right of *merchantmen* to be *armed for defense only*.

1916, April 19. Wilson announced his *intention to sever dip-*

lomatic intercourse with Germany if the submarine attacks on merchantmen did not stop.

May 4. In reply Germany agreed *not to sink merchantmen without warning*, but expected the American government to oppose British blockade methods. The German assurance was accepted (May 8) but the right to impose the condition rejected.

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